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No clear favorites in Assembly race

By Will Harper

After 20 years of service, Assemblyman Tom Bates is being forced to retire. The result? Five capable, if relatively obscure, Democrats are now vying to succeed him and are spending big money to do it.

Local pundits say it's a crapshoot as to who will win the March 26 primary. "Who knows? I think each candidate has a legitimate claim to thinking they could win," said Larry Tramutola, the campaign consultant to candidate Dion Aroner. "I like our chances, but if I were sitting in any of the other campaigns I'd be saying that too."

"There are scenarios for everybody to come in first and everybody to come in last," said Kevin Reikes, campaign consultant to candidate Mark Friedman (and also to State Senate candidate Bob Campbell).

Because 70 percent of voters in the 14th Assembly District—which includes North Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Kensington, Richmond and San Pablo—are registered Democrats, the primary is expected to decide who will succeed Bates.

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DION ARONER

Age: 50

Home: Berkeley
Background: Aide to Assemblyman Tom Bates since 1976. Presently chief Democratic consultant to Human Services Committee.

Endorsements: Tom Bates, Sen. Nicholas Marin, National Women's Political Caucus.

Priorities: Protecting programs that assist the poor and elderly from Republican attacks; completing work on Eastshore State Park.

Pros: 20 years experience working in the state legislature will let her hit ground running.

Cons: She may know corridors of power in Sacramento, but does she know the cities along the I-80 corridor that make up the 14th Assembly District?



ROBERT CHEASTY

Age: 47

Home: Albany
Background: Lawyer, former council member and mayor of Albany, 1984-88.

Endorsements: U.S. Rep. George Miller, former Gov. Leo McCarthy, Calif. League of Conservation Voters (dual with Friedman);

Priorities: Expanding school funding; reducing class sizes and preventing fee increases for state universities.

Pros: Record of representing labor and environmental causes.

Cons: Previously a lawyer for Golden Gate Fields.



MARK FRIEDMAN

Age: 44

Home: El Cerrito
Background: Currently chief of staff to Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan; executive director of Plant Closures Project, 1989-91.

Endorsements: Calif. Teachers Assoc., Calif. League of Conservation Voters, Calif. Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.

Priorities: Job creation, reduce prison spending and corporate welfare.

Pros: Consensus-builder. Was able to bring business, labor and environmentalists together regarding dredging of Port of Oakland.

Cons: No electoral experience. Registered as Democrat only two years ago.



JIM ROGERS

Age: 40

Home: Richmond
Background: Personal injury lawyer; Contra Costa County supervisor 1994-present; Richmond City Council member, 1991-94.

Endorsements: Contra Costa Deputy Sheriff, Richmond Firefighters.

Priorities: Getting the state off the back of local government to make sure services like police, fire, homeless programs are protected.

Pros: Has elected experience in both city and county government. Has written local anti-gun and campaign reform legislation.

Cons: Fickle. Left Richmond City Council before term expired to join board of supervisors. Announced his assembly candidacy one year into term as supervisor.



CARLA WOODWORTH

Age: 41

Home: Berkeley
Background: Berkeley City Council, 1990-present; campaign coordinator for single payer health care initiative, 1994; former director of Berkeley Gray Panthers.

Priorities: Raising funding for schools, health care reform; protecting public transit.

Endorsements: Berkeley Democratic Club, Berkeley Firefighters Association

Pros: Has most experience as elected official. Has first-hand the impacts of state cuts on local government.

Cons: Criticized for being an opportunist. Previously considered running for auditor or supervi-



Council adopts stricter zoning

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The City Council has approved the addition of an "A" Combining Commercial District to the current C-2 commercial zoning classification of the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center and portions of the South Gateway redevelopment area.

City planner Ed Phillips explained later how the change works.

"Zones allow certain uses," said Phillips. "There are several overlay zones (officially called combining districts) which set additional rules on top."

Phillips gave a residential example. In the area near Arlington Park, he said, "there are larger lots and bigger setbacks apply," because a B combining district takes precedence over the regular R-1 residential zoning requirements.

Not all changes will require a use permit in the new C-2-A district, he said.

"The questions are: Does it already have a legal non-conforming status, and is the (newly-proposed) business the same?"

"Or, is there already a use permit, ... and will the new business abide by the conditions of the permit?"

It's when an entirely new use for an old building or new construction is proposed that the new business will need to apply for a use permit, he said.

"When certain changes occur, it allows the city to require a special use permit," said Administrative Services Manager Jim Randall. "It gives the city a higher level of control in terms of what the project will be and what it will look like."

The ultimate goal is to assist the city "in attracting the uses the community as a whole wants to see here," Randall said.

"There will be no effect on businesses already operating under use permits, such as service stations and repair garages,"

Phillips said in his staff report to the council. "Businesses without use permits will be considered legally non-conforming. Such businesses may continue, even under new owners, unless there has been a vacancy period of three months or more."

"Changes of use from one type to another may be allowed administratively (in other words, may be OK'd by staff) if there is no change in basic characteristics, such as parking demand or occupancy classification under the building code."

Mayor Cathie Kosel cast the sole vote against the zoning change. She said she had found arguments from two citizens particularly compelling. Both Don Pryde, co-owner of Pastime Hardware, and Harry Kiefer, owner of Kiefer's Furniture, had asked the council not to approve the change.

Pryde represents the second generation of an El Cerrito business established in the

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Albany revives redevelopment agency

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Like St. Paul on the road to Damascus, the city council Monday night saw the light, changed its name and set off on a mission to do good.

Sitting as a revived Redevelopment Agency, to be called hereafter City of Albany Community Reinvestment Agency, the council borrowed \$22,500 from the city to hire a consultant to study Cleveland/Eastshore Highway and San Pablo Avenue as potential redevelopment project areas.

City officials have talked unofficially for some time of moving the car sales

businesses and body shops from San Pablo to Cleveland to create "an automobile dealership campus." Cleveland is currently given over to heavy and light industrial companies.

San Pablo has been identified as a future

lowing adoption of the San Pablo Vision Plan due in September, the council will begin work on formation of a Business Improvement District on the avenue.

John Nakamura, manager of Albany Ford, told the council he was "stunned" that he had not been consulted before the redevelopment plan was launched.

"I want to discuss the viability of the area. I don't think it will work for us to have no access to drive-by business."

There's a big difference between 25 mph and 70 mph when it comes to drive-by," Nakamura said.

City Administrator Daren Fields said the

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'We're very serious about moving forward to create a more livable and economically prosperous city'

—ALBANY MAYOR MIKE BRODSKY

high density, mixed-use residential and commercial boulevard. The Albany Bowl, the intersection at Solano Avenue, the Town Centre and University Village are cited as potentially in need of redevelopment. Fol-

Wildcat Dr. residents want action

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Residents of Wildcat Drive and some of their surrounding neighbors appealed to City Council members Monday night to work quickly to find a solution to underground slide conditions threatening the road and, they fear, some of the properties adjacent to it.

A rising water table deep in the earth has caused one section of Wildcat Canyon to slough away; the five residents who live above the damaged section have only one lane available to reach Rifle Range Road. The area has been barricaded and a plastic "cap" installed to keep surface water out.

The movement has severely damaged the existing curb, gutter and asphalt paving.

Properties affected by the slide include 12 vacant lots and seven improved properties along Wildcat Drive. Two of the improved properties and one vacant lot also border Rifle Range Road.

Several neighbors believe that one home, and perhaps two, are in danger of sliding away at some point. Resident Kirby Wilcox, who has lived on Wildcat Drive for 6 1/2 years, believes there are at least a half-dozen unimproved lots with "totally shot property values."

"They're sliding away," he said. "You could never build on them."

His own home, located below the road surface problems, has supports sunk "five feet into bedrock" though the underground water table does extend to the street adjacent to his property.

Wilcox had told council members earlier that the whole situation "comes down to cost and sources of funds." He asked the council to go back to consultants Hallenbeck & Associates to ask for a breakdown of specific steps that could be taken to correct the situation and their relative cost, including "the most expensive and least expensive" alternatives.

Along with commissioning a new study that would include "a series of potential solutions," he asked the council to authorize staff

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Giovanni Barbara is turning over his shop to Rosalva Gutierrez.

Farewell to the singing barber

By Dave Greer

ALBANY — For the last 30 years Giovanni Barbara has cut his customer's hair, sung them songs, and refereed their sometimes heated discussions in his shop at 1174 Solano Avenue.

But the years of 10-hour work days have taken their toll on the 56-year-old barber. He has had two operations for carpal tunnel syndrome on his hands and faces a third. And the commute from his home in Alamo has grown longer and longer.

Rosalva Gutierrez, a licensed cosmetologist who has worked with him for the past three months, is the proud new proprietor. Two of Giovanni's barbers will help continue the tradition of a barber shop with tonsorial services for the entire family.

"I am going to miss a lot of people, some I have had as customers since they were little kids," Giovanni says. "I liked the old style barber shop where I cut hair and sang. I used to tell them, 'Haircuts are two dollars with a song, two

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Forget the hype: It's time to get a life

"GET A HORSE!" the people shouted when the Model T first passed by, filling the circumambient air with noise, dust and fumes, scaring ladies, little children and dogs. They were whistling in the wind, of course. Our adoration of the infernal combustion engine has become deep-down over the decades. Even our fearless city council, shouting "Get a bike!", cannot, I fear, rid Albany of the noise, dust and fumes.

Nowadays there's another infant machine passing by, kicking up dirt, being touted as the greatest thing since the greased wheel. We may still have the opportunity to nip this one in the near-bud. Join me here on the sidelines shouting, "Get a Life!"

Ah, yes: The Computer.

THE COMPUTER IS A MACHINE. That's all ye know and all ye need to know. I do not hate nor am I afraid of machines. I am not a follower of Ned Ludd, the famous 18th century hard hat who took a sledge hammer to machines because they threatened his job. I spent what feels like half my life erasing mistakes on nine carbon copies. I would quit processing words and move to outer Bali before I'd do that again.

For ten years I contentedly used a Stone Age IBM PC with nothing much in it but a Professional Write program. You must spread your wings, get with it, you'll love cruising the Net, said old pals. I now own 386DX-40 ISA W/CPU, 1M*3 70NS SIMM RAM, 1.2M and 1.44FD drive, 7245AT HD 15MS, SVGA 1MB card, Super I/O IDE W/IO, color monitor, mini-tower case, graphic doodads, 3 button mouse and a fax modem, not to mention the new old Windows and Word Perfect. All obsolete the minute I drove it off the lot, of course, but nevertheless far-reaching enough to power me up to a window on the world, for a while anyway, or so they say.

AFTER BEING PEPPERED with free-time discs from online services, including one stuffed in my Sunday paper, after getting the message repeatedly that none of the discs computed in my machine, after spending hours on the regular old telephone with experts named Jason in Ohio or Virginia, I finally succeeded in signing up with America Online.

They promised me thousands of opportunities for adventure, power profit and fun. But I could find no there there. I could not care less about buying stuff, sports scores, tracking my portfolio or what's hot in entertainment. The Reference had only a third-rate encyclopedia. The writers, in



By Phyllis Lyon

Hobbies, were all selling books. I can't imagine why anyone would consider reading a magazine — or a book, for goodness sake — on a screen. I get all the Late Breaking News I can bear to hear on the radio while I'm baking a cake.

I PINNED MY HOPES on People Connection or talking to interesting strangers in one of the hundreds of Chat Rooms. Please. The best of the chat was some guys from where it snows trying to figure out among themselves why and how to eat an avocado. Otherwise, a bunch of bad typists just kept asking each other how old they were, what sex and if they were married.

From a list of people in Albany who I could e-mail, I discovered only one I knew, Bill Cain (excluding the world-renowned expert, John Dvorak, but we don't communicate since the big parking meter dustup). So I asked Bill why I might want to sit here wasting my time like this when there's a wonderful public library near by. He said he knew of no reason either.

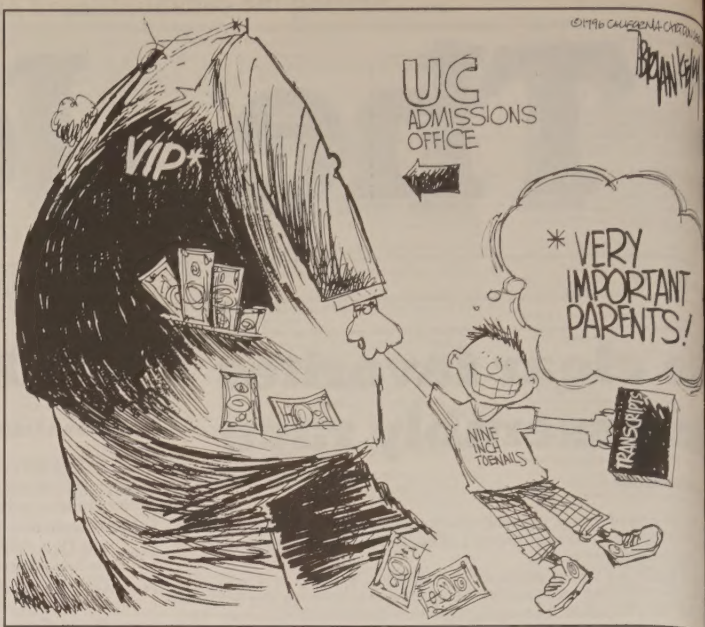
"COMPUTER-LITERATE" is an oxymoron. A person is either literate or operating a machine. I'm sorry our schools and, it follows, our children's minds are being "wired". They do not learn to create or think original thoughts. They learn to operate a machine, period.

Don't believe the hype. The typists are not communicating with other people in any valuable or meaningful way. They're manipulating a machine.

That is not Niagara Falls you see on your screen. You have *not* been there, as computer salesmen like to brag. It is a picture of Niagara Falls. The difference is as huge and roaring as the Falls themselves.

With everyone in the world equals in "producing content" and nobody writing, sooner or later we'll inevitably be privy to the spectacle of a non-mini Tower of Babel.

THAT'S WHY I CANCELLED my subscription to America Online. Sitting, typing, looking at the world through a window is not living. I'd as soon talk to my vacuum cleaner.



Police Reports

Stannage Avenue prowlers return stolen items

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — Between 10:30 a.m. on March 9 and 8:45 p.m. on March 10 vandals entered a residence on the 400 block of Stannage Avenue and prowled the house, especially a bedroom, and stole a few items. Neighbors described two boys they had seen leaving the house. Officers questioned the suspects with negative results. The resident also contacted the two who then returned the stolen items.

During the early morning hours of March 11 thieves smashed out a window of a red 1987 Toyota Tercel parked on the 1300 block of Dartmouth Street, prowled the interior, stole the stereo, speakers and a jacket and departed unseen.

During the same time period thieves broke into cars parked on the 800 and 1000 blocks of Pomona Avenue and stole various items including the in-dash stereos. There were no witnesses.

Shortly before midnight on March 12 Albany officers stopped a 1985 Toyota Camry

which had been reported as stolen from Richmond. The car contained seven people from San Pablo and Richmond ranging in age from 14 to 16 years old. They were arrested, transported to the Albany station then released to their parents with a Notice To Appear. The owner of the car was notified.

On the night of March 13 a resident of the 900 block of Tulare Avenue reported that after parking his car in front of her home she was accosted by a white male adult who she described as about 20 to 25 years old, 5-feet 8-inches tall, weighing 170 pounds with dark hair. He stole her purse from the seat of her car and also struck her with her purse before fleeing the area.

On the afternoon of March 15 an El Cerrito woman took her car to a local car wash leaving her Davis Industries model P-32 hand gun, loaded with three live rounds, between the seat and the console. When the car was finished being cleaned she discovered the hand gun missing. An entire search of the area did not recover the weapon. Police are still investigating.

On the night of March 13 three juveniles described as black males, 15 to 16 years old, approached a group of people at Memorial Park. They asked for change and asked for clothing, jackets and shoes. They then grabbed the change and forced them to return their shoes before fleeing the area.

At about 1 a.m. on March 17 officers discovered a driver's side window of a 1984 Nissan had been smashed. A search of the area found a year-old El Cerrito man in the bushes and a child revealed he had a pocket knife. He was relieved of the rocks and the owner of the car was notified of the incident.

During the week of March 10 Albany officers fingered two people at their request towed one car, responded to false alarms, attended to animals who were lost or ceased, assisted nine people who were locked out of their car or responded to reports of barking dogs.

Police pursuit results in arrest on gun charge

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A short police pursuit resulted in the arrest of a Richmond man and a Richmond male juvenile charged with possessing a stolen gun. The arrest was made at San Pablo Avenue and Moerser Lane at about 3 a.m. March 10.

A San Pablo man was arrested for possession of a police baton at about 3:15 a.m. March 7 in the 500 block of Norvell.

A San Francisco man and a transient woman were arrested at San Pablo Avenue and El Dorado for possession of a stolen vehicle at 1:20 a.m. March 9.

A Berkeley man was arrested for brandishing an ax at the Plaza BART station at 7:26 a.m. March 9.

There were five domestic incidents reported. An arrest was made in the 5300 block of School Street Feb. 28 for an assault with a deadly weapon.

Juveniles surrounded a juvenile victim, struck him in the chest and took his bus pass at Moerser and Lexington. Two male juveniles suspects were identified as Richmond youth; the incident occurred at 10:45 a.m. Feb. 29.

A Richmond youth was hit by a male suspect after walking by the suspect and his friends at Moerser Lane and the BART path.

A Concord man reported that he was bitten by a dog belonging to an El Cerrito resident. The incident occurred at El Cerrito Plaza March 10.

Arrests for driving under the influence were made at the Arlington and Madera at 2:30 a.m. March 8 (an Albany man), at San Pablo and Central at 12:20 a.m. March 9 (a Pinole man), and at San Pablo and El Dorado

at 12:41 a.m. March 10 (a Vallejo man).

A residential burglary was reported in the 600 block of Everett. A citizen reported seeing two male juveniles enter the rear yard, the tool shed and garage on the afternoon of March 14. The suspects were detained after a foot search and block chase.

A burglar or burglars entered a home in the 5400 block of Barrett at about 1:03 a.m. March 8 but fled when the resident awoke.

Cash and checks were reported stolen from the 11700 block of San Pablo Avenue during the daytime March 6.

A home in the 700 block of Richmond Street was ransacked after the burglar(s) broke the window and unlocked the door on the afternoon of March 10. Cash and jewelry were taken.

A TV and a VCR were taken from the Berkeley Driving School between March 9 and 10.

A bicycle was taken from a backyard in the 1700 block of Lexington on the afternoon of March 6; it was later recovered.

A bicycle parked inside Safeway was stolen at 3 p.m. March 6. A male adult suspect was seen.

Clothes were taken from a dryer in a laundry room in the 700 block of Kearney Street during the night of March 8.

Plants were taken from a

plant box at Prospect March 8 or 9.

Mail was reported stolen from a residence in the 1000 block of Richmond between March 6 and 8. Mail was taken from a box in the 300 block of Prospect at about 11:11 a.m. March 8. A male suspect was seen.

A purse was reported stolen from Baskin Robbins on the evening of March 6.

A suspect was identified in connection with the theft of two checks from a bank in the 1100 block of King Feb. 8.

A painting packed in a box was reported stolen from the hallway behind Mail Etc. between March 6 and 8.

Two male juveniles were seen marking graffiti on a public building at Cerrito Park at about 8:20 a.m. March 8.

Baggies possibly containing cocaine were found in a police department lot in custody section on the noon of March 8.

Shoplifters were arrested at Lucky, El Cerrito Plaza (a San Pablo man), at Long's Drugs (an Alameda man), at Safeway (a Richmond woman), at Safeway (a Richmond woman), and at Safeway (a Richmond woman).

Hayward juvenile female, a San Pablo juvenile female, a Richmond man, an El Cerrito juvenile, and a Long Beach

Letters to the Editor

Rogers skips out

Editor:
Jim Rogers failed to appear at the Central Berkeley Neighbors candidate's forum March 18, marking the twelfth joint appearance he has missed. Apparently Mr. Rogers would rather fill voters' mailboxes with slick mailers than meet them in person. So far, I have received seven pieces of mail from his campaign.

Perhaps Rogers stays home because he receives so little support from community groups. At the El Cerrito Democratic Club, for example, he received only a single vote (out of about 90) — his own. This is a community he represents on the Board of Supervisors. It seems that to know Rogers is not to love him.

Jim Rogers is trying to buy the State Assembly seat with his personal wealth and special interest money. Does the name Michael Huffington ring a bell? Fortunately, we have a strong field of better-qualified candidates to choose from. I urge my fellow voters to send a strong message to Jim Rogers on March 26th: our votes are not for sale!

Sean Hoskin

Contra Costa Democratic Central Committee

Why she supports Campbell

Editor:
The California School Board Association recognizes Assemblyman Bob Campbell as a strong advocate for public education and school construction, and will honor him in May with the CSBA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Campbell has served on the Assembly Education Committee, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Joint Committee on

School Facilities. For 13 years, he chaired the Ways and Means Subcommittee on School finance where he consistently fought to secure adequate funding for public schools.

During the past 15 years, Campbell has introduced more than 100 assembly bills for education. He assisted in restoring nearly \$10 million in state desegregation program funds to the Oakland Unified School District. He initiated bail-out bills for the financially strapped John Sweet and West Contra Costa school districts. Bob helped author legislation that prevents future state takeovers by strengthening the authority of the County Office of Education.

Campbell has placed a \$3 billion school facilities bond for K-12 and higher education on the March ballot.

Campbell has experience, knowledge, and solutions. Most importantly, he listens and responds to the concerns of teachers, parents, school board members and the community.

Bob Campbell deserves our vote as our State Senator on March 26.

Pamela Mirabella
El Cerrito

Don't bring the 'mud fight' home

Editor:
I feel the "mud fight" is really making its appearance at this time. The cardroom fight reminds me of a nasty divorce and there are some bitter people out there!

Let's face facts. Albany is a small community with council members who genuinely care about the community, not about the "big bucks" they get paid. The City of Albany needs revenue and the

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Cardroom appeal filed

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — The ferocious year-long battle known as the Albany cardroom lawsuit entered a new phase Monday as the Citizens for Responsible Government filed a notice of appeal on one of the last possible days to do so.

The appeal, which most insiders to the case have anticipated since the original complaint was filed, will be the most significant legal battleground yet. If the CRG were to win, it would rewrite existing law so that city-sponsored initiatives would be considered projects under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The case has also continued to provoke bitter personal attacks by members of both sides of the cardroom issue, with the latest round focused on Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben.

The appeal, notice of which was filed on Monday, March 18, will most likely reiterate points made in the original complaint. At the heart of the CRG lawsuit is the question of whether city-sponsored initiatives can be considered projects under CEQA, and whether an environmental impact report should have been done prior to the November, 1994 election in which Measure F, which would allow Ladbroke Racing Inc. to construct a 150-table, 24-hour cardroom at the Golden Gate Fields, was passed.

The proposed cardroom would give Albany \$1.35 million up front in licensing fees and a guaranteed \$1.2 million a year in tax revenue, as well as land and \$500,000 for construction of the Bay Trail.

CRG attorney Bob Outis refused to comment on the appeal on Monday, neither verifying nor denying that it had been filed. CRG president David Arkin, however, said that his group's desire to continue the lawsuit is as strong as ever. "We plan to prevail," said Arkin.

Albany city officials have also said that they plan to continue fighting the lawsuit.

The CRG has in recent months been lobbying both the city of Berkeley and the Sierra Club to file advisory, friend of the court briefs supporting the lawsuit. The Sierra Club dropped out of the debate in February after Ladbroke Racing Inc. signed an agreement promising a full environmental impact report on the proposed cardroom. The Berkeley City Council is still looking into the matter, according to council member Linda Maio, with a decision expected some time in April.

The lawsuit has in recent months been characterized by increasingly personal attacks on cardroom supporters by some CRG members.

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Birthday Bash

(From left to right) President of the Albany Library Carole Truman, Chairman of the Albany Arts Committee Dane Olsen, Vice Mayor Robert Good, and Albany Park and Recreation Commission Vice Chair Jonathan Bradley blew out the candles commemorating two years that the Albany Library/Community Center has been open, as part of the recent Open House, Grand Opening, and Two Year Celebration held at the Library/

Community Center Complex.

Members of the public participated in the day-long event that included story telling, free soup, donated by the Friends of Albany Library, a ribbon cutting at the Arts Cafe and a series of class demonstrations which included aikido, dog training, puppet and music, yoga, flamenco and ballroom dance, currently offered by the Albany Recreation and Community Services Department.

Photography. Materials cost \$3. Cafe Crayon is located at 1309 Solano Ave. Call 527-9873 for information.

CCCT registration open

EL CERRITO — The Contra Costa Civic Theater is currently registering students for five sessions of Live At CCCT Summer Drama Camp.

During each two-week session, students take part in two full production original plays and professionally produced videos. All facets of theater are explored, including make-up, improvisation, costuming, play writing, character development and basic theater training. Students, age 7 through 14, spend the day at the theater from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. No previous theater experience is necessary and participation is guaranteed.

Camp sessions run; Session 1 — June 17 to June 28; Session 2 — July 8 to July 19; Session 3 — July 22 to Aug. 2; Session 4 — Aug. 5 to Aug. 16; Session 5 — Aug. 19 to Aug. 30. The cost is \$375 per session.

Registration flyers are available at the theatre, 951 Pomona Avenue, or call 232-6537 or 524-6654.

Century details cause of interruptions in cable service

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY — Century Communications, the cable television company serving Albany, Kensington and San Pablo is trying to reassure subscribers that the system is operational after a recent rash of cable outages.

Over the past three months, subscribers have experienced a higher than average amount of outages affecting "major portions of the system," according to the company's statement.

On Dec. 11 and Dec. 12, severe winter storms were to blame when power outages forced the company to rely on backup power supplies, which ran down due to the length of the outage.

On Dec. 24, two separate power outages caused company equipment to fail in the San Pablo portion of the system.

In January, vandals caused severe damage to underground amplifiers in the Kensington area, leaving all of Albany out of service for 4 1/2 hours on Jan. 21 and 13 hours on Jan. 22. The neighboring cable system serving El Cerrito was also vandalized.

On Feb. 3 a PG&E outage in San Pablo knocked out power at the company's headend. Although the location is equipped with a stand-by generator specifically to prevent such an occurrence, the generator itself failed to come on and affected all customers for a 2 hour period.

Albany Department of Recreation and Community Service Director Bill Jones said his office received a number of customer complaint calls as a result of the outages. His department serves as liaison for local cable service.

"There were complaints about services being interrupted at prime time. People felt they the power had been interrupted frequently and felt they deserved better service," Jones said.

Jones, however, noted that the company's recent rash of problems seems to be a matter of unfortunate coincidence.

"Century has seemed to hit a run of bad times, these incidents happened more frequently than they have in the past four years. It seems to have caught up with them all at once," he said.

As to the company's response to the service interruptions Jones said

Century acted in good faith.

"In my opinion once there is a mistake in the system they try to get to on it right away," said Jones, noting that the company has a 24-hour-a-day answering service and weekend technicians on-call.

Century General Manager Jeff Butler said the outages were rare.

"This was an exceptional run of bad luck. Normally we'll have two or three outages of this nature over an entire year," he said.

"Our technicians do everything within their power to make sure that these types of outages are avoided. Sometimes there are just too many factors working against us," said Butler, adding that the company wishes to reassure customers that the system is in good condition and that the outages are unlikely to recur.

According to Jones, some callers to the city asked about possible refunds for the lost service.

Butler said the company follows state and federal guidelines which mandate refunds in service charges when service has been interrupted for a 24-hour period. Butler said customers were given such a refund during the December outage.

District, PTA working on seismic issues

By Peggy Thow

ALBANY — School officials and representatives of the PTA Council Disaster Preparedness Committee met on March 7 to discuss the district's plans for seismic retrofitting of Albany schools.

District and PTA representatives agreed that the complexity of this subject has obstructed any easy flow of information between parents, the community, and the district. They also agreed that although the subject has created some frustration on all sides, the district is committed to completing all needed seismic work, using bond money as directed by Albany's voters. The question of when that work can be completed, however, has yet to be resolved.

Albany Superintendent Dale Hudson, Associate Superintendent Stanley Malecki, MacGregor High School Principal Connie Hubbard, School Board member Ed McManus, and Maintenance Director Alan Schrafman met with PTA Council members Christiane Khan, Karen Carlson-Olson, and Sarah Samonsky.

The PTA Council members gave district officials a list of eight major structural and nonstructural concerns. (Structural work includes construction details — foundations, walls, roofs, windows — all regulated by state safety codes. Nonstructural work includes securing movable items such as heavy furniture, water heaters, and light fixtures.)

Albany has money to spend on seismic upgrading of the schools thanks to bond votes of 1993 and

1994. The district has ordered and reviewed preliminary reports evaluating the seismic condition of the school sites. These reports confirm that Albany's oldest schools, Cornell (1948-50, with a 1974 addition) and Albany High School (1933-38), present the greatest need for work.

However, the district cannot complete plans for seismic work at either school until a "destructive" type of evaluation is done. This type of testing, which involves sampling the structural components of the building, cannot be undertaken when students are in school.

Until such testing is done, no one can say with certainty how much retrofitting is necessary. Different analytical methods generate different cost-estimates for work. For example, the present budget estimate for seismic work at the high school is twice the original estimate of three years ago. The increase, according to district officials, came primarily from using a more intensive analysis than originally envisioned.

Asked about plans for evaluating Cornell, district representatives pointed out that Cornell is the scheduled site of Summer School this year. Children will occupy the site for part of the summer, complicating the schedule for seismic evaluation.

No structural work at any site will be ordered until the district completes its Master Plan for all of its bond-related projects. The Master Plan is being written by the District Steering Committee. After the committee meets this week, all school sites will receive instructions to trim their budgets by specified amounts in order to accommodate the increased estimate for the high school. Such

budgetary adjustments to all site projects must be made before the Master Plan can be completed this spring.

An alternative idea for funding the high school's \$1.6 million increase would use a portion of the Master Plan contingency fund — currently \$3 million — to cover it. However, such a plan must be authorized by the School Board. According to Hudson, who heads the District Steering Committee, the group will "see if there is a way to juggle all those projects, and perhaps thereby minimize the size of the contingency fund" so that the high school work can be paid for by a mix of smaller budgetary realignments.

PTA Council members asked about nonstructural items at several schools. These included bookcases not properly secured to walls, water heaters with rigid gas lines, and light fixtures. District representatives acknowledged that some of the bolting work done in 1994-95 needs correction. However, no timetable for the work has yet been assigned.

The district will confirm the Fire Department's offer to strap water heaters in Albany. Large commercial water heaters like those in schools are generally installed with rigid water and gas lines; however, the district will look into the question of whether flexible lines could be used.

As to light fixtures, after the Loma Prieta earthquake (1989) the district secured all overhead light fixtures into ceiling studs.

Other items discussed included a request that structural plans be kept at each site, to assist rescue crews after an earthquake. These are being drawn up and will be available.

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For a complete list of endorsements, call (510) 655-7539

Goings on About Town

Performances

Ashkenaz: March 21, 9 p.m.: Jerry Miller; March 22, 9:30 p.m.: Tropical Vibrations; March 23, 9:30 p.m.: California Cajon Orchestra; March 24, 8 p.m.: Zimbabwe Dance Party with Mutupo and Muzananda; March 26, 9 p.m.: Tee Fee; March 27, 9 p.m.: Indigo Swing. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

SF Early Music Society: March 23, 8 p.m.: Early brass ensemble Concerto Palatino featuring music of the 17th-century. First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley. 528-1725.

Eastenders Repertory Company: Through March 30, Thursday - Sat, 8 p.m.: Presentation of *On the Outs*, a collection of short stories and scenes threaded together about relationships. La Val's Subterranean, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 841-6510.

Freight & Salvage: March 21 8 p.m.: Erica Wheeler; March 22, 8:30 p.m.: Front Range; March 23, 8:30 p.m.: Kate Brislin & Katy Moffatt Album Release Celebration; March 24, 11 a.m.: Children's Show with Leadbelly and Woody Guthrie for Kids and more; March 24, 8 p.m.: The House Band; March 27, 8 p.m.: Chris Smith. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. 548-1761.

Short Stories: March 23, 8 p.m.: Zig Zag Theatre presents a program of modern dance with the Bonnie Simoa Dance Company. Featuring the choreography of Cheryl Koehler and Bonnie Simoa. Eighth Street Studio, 2525 8th Street at Dwight, Berkeley. 654-5492.

Mothersongs: March 21, 7:30 p.m.: The Ruth Botchan Dance Company with Betty Albert-Schreck, singer, in dance performances to songs of the Old Country, the New World, and the Holocaust. Congregation Beth El, 2301 Vine St., Berkeley. 236-6407.

African Music: March 23, 9 p.m.: The West African Highlife Band will play a benefit concert for the New School of Berkeley's Scholarship Fund at La Peña Cultural Center. Come dance and celebrate New School's 30th anniversary! Frothy French Farce: Through Apr. 6, Thurs., Fri., and Sat., 8 p.m. and Sun. matinee at 2 p.m.: TheatreFIRST presents Anything to Declare? by Hennequin and Veber. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 436-5085.

Maybeck Recital Hall: March 24, 4 p.m.: Chip Brimhall, piano, performs a program of Schubert - Sonata Bb, D.960; and Rachmaninoff - Etudes-Tableaux, Op. 39. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. 848-3228.

Plano: March 22, 8 p.m.: 23-year old Ignat Solzhenitsyn will perform J.S. Bach's *Goldberg Variations: Aria with 30 variations for Cembalo with Two Manuals BWV 988*. Hertz Hall, U.C. Berkeley Campus. 642-0212.

Red Cafe: Every Tues. night at 8:30 p.m.: Steve Packenham & Friends: 1941 University Ave., Berkeley. 843-8607.

Starry Plough: March 21, 9:30 p.m.: The Fingers with Spikedrivers; March 22, 9:45 p.m.: Super Diamond; March 23, 9:45 p.m.: TBA, Durham, and

Yoyodyne; March 24, 8:30 p.m.: Electric Blues Jam; March 25, 9 p.m.: Traditional Irish Music Session; March 26, 7:30 p.m. sign-ups: Cabaret open mike; March 27, DARTS. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-1424.

Trinity Chamber Concerts: March 23, 8 p.m.: Kathryn Stenberg, violin, with Trio Del Sol and friends, performs classical music in a variety of ensemble combinations. 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. Jupiter: March 22, 8:30 p.m.: West Coast Harem with Harley Skip Duo at 5:30 p.m.; March 23, 8:30 p.m.: Frijoles Blancos. 2181 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-THE-TAPS.

Yoshi's: March 21 - 24, 8 and 10 p.m.: Charles Lloyd Quartet; March 25, 8 and 10 p.m.: Paul Nagel Trio; March 26, 8 and 10 p.m.: Rory Snyder Quintet; March 27-30, 8 and 10 p.m.: Flora Purim & Airtio - Fourth World II. 6030 Claremont Ave., North Oakland. 652-9200.

Religious Activities

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: March 24, 10:30 a.m.: "Learning Our Own Story: Shamanism in Contemporary Urban Society" with Lauren Lesmeister speaking on the importance of learning how to remember who we truly are in a community of all living things. Children's program: toddlers, childcare; ages 3-12, classes. For details, call Sandy, 526-0972. 1924 Cedar, Berkeley. 841-4824.

Christ Lutheran Church: March 23, 9 a.m.: A gathering of women of all ages. Salad, dessert, and beverages provided. 780 Ashbury, El Cerrito, Berkeley. 524-1050.

Presbyterian Women: St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 527-3052 or 848-1350.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church: March 24, 8 and 10 a.m.: Pastor Jim Stickeny will preach "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live." Ezekiel 37:14. 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 525-1716.

Events, meetings, classes...

Albany Pool: Accepting mail registration for swimming classes for the Spring session postmarked March 11 or later. Walk in registration begins March 20. All ages. Call 559-6640 for details. 1311 Portland Ave., Albany.

City Commons Club: March 27, 10 a.m. - Noon: Paul Zinner, Professor of Political Science, Emeritus, U.C. Davis will deliver a talk entitled "NATO: What future role in Europe?" 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 444-3816.

Cody's Books: March 21, 7:30 p.m.: James McManus with *Going to the Sun*; March 26, 7:30 p.m.: Robert Shapiro will talk about *The Search for Justice*. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

Black Oak Books: March 21, 7:30 p.m.: Elizabeth George talks about her latest work *In the Presence of the Enemy*; March 24, 7:30 p.m.: Duff Brena on a romp through sublime territory in *The Holy Book of the Beard*; March 26, 7:30

p.m.: Brooks Hansen will read from his new novel *The Chess Garden*. 1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley. 486-0698.

Vista College Deannexation: March 27, 7 p.m.: Come to this board meeting to voice your opinions whether Vista College should become an independent college. Berkeley Unified School District, Board of Education, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley.

Showcase 1996: March 21, 5 p.m.: Tradeshow and Mixer. Bring your business cards for this networking opportunity. Sponsored by the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. H's Lordships, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley Marina. 549-7003.

Easy Going: March 24, 1:30 p.m.: Join historian Mark Wilson on a walking tour of one of Berkeley's most historic neighborhoods. Call 273-9383 for details. 1385 Shattuck Ave. at Rose, Berkeley. 843-3533.

Republican Gathering: March 22, 6:15 p.m.: The Kensington-El Cerrito Congress of Republicans is sponsoring a dinner with guest speaker the Honorable Joseph Hurley, Judge of the Superior Court for Alameda County. Spenger's Restaurant, 1919 4th St., Berkeley. 526-0940.

Poets' Dinner: Seventieth Annual Dinner promoting poetry by naming winners in its poetry contest and offering poets the camaraderie of coming together. Kathleen Lynch will give a speech entitled, "Pulling Strings with the Muse." Spenger's Restaurant, 1919 Fourth St., Berkeley. 841-1217.

Art-on-Site: An eight-week slide-lecture and field trip series to museums, galleries and exhibits held Wednesday, 1 to 3 p.m., through March 27. Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., 848-0731.

Contra Costa Hills Club: March 21, 10 a.m.: Arts and Architecture Walk in Berkeley. Meet at the Berkeley BART Station. Call 547-0723; March 24, 10 a.m. Hike S.F.'s Ocean Beach from Cliff House Hill to Ft. Funston. Meet in parking lot across from 48th Ave. and Pt. Lobos. Call 582-1717.

Tree Pruning: March 23, 12:30 p.m.: Ruby Stein, expert gardener from the Department of Urban Forestry in Golden Gate Park, will explain basic tree care, including fertilizing and watering, and show how to prune street trees and shrubs for aesthetics and storm damage prevention. Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 548-2220.

Center for Psychological Studies: March 22, Noon: Journalist and author David Harris will discuss the topic, "PTSD as a Metaphor for National Military Policy." 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291.

Cohousing: March 26, 7 p.m.: Architects Kathryn McCamant and Charles Durrett will host a slide presentation extolling the virtues of a different kind of Dream Home. 1250 Addison #13 at Bonar, Berkeley. 549-9980.

Berkeley Hiking Club: March 24,

8:30 a.m. departure: Mount Tamalpais. Call leader Lena Johnson (237-3327) for details; March 24, 9 a.m.: Mini Hike - Sunol. Call leader Helen Wynne (843-5738) for details.

Spring Storytelling: March 23, 5:30 p.m.: Tales & Trails presents Spring Storytelling Rendezvous at the Masonic Hall, 6922 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. 527-0401.

Birth Center Tour: Every Mon.,

Wed., and Fri. at 11 a.m.: Providing an overview of Alta Bates' birthing facilities and services. 2450 Ashby Campus, Berkeley. Meet on the first floor at the information booth. 204-1334.

La Peña for Kids: March 23, 10:30 a.m.: Fran Avni, a writer for Canadian Sesame Street, presents singable songs and moving movements for kids of many ages. 3105 Shattuck Ave. at Woolsey, Berkeley. 849-2568.

Emergency Services Program: The Easy Does It Emergency Services Program offers low fee emergency attendants, minor wheelchair repairs, and emergency wheelchair accessible transportation to individuals with disabilities within the city limits of Berkeley. For more information call 845-5513, 464-8583 (TDD).

North Berkeley Senior Center: March 21, 1 p.m.: *Yugoslavia*; March

22, 1 p.m.: Opera: *Madama Butterfly* with assertiveness versus aggressiveness with Betty Gordon; March 25, 1 p.m.: Video Movie *Widows Peak*; March 26, 9 - 11 a.m.: Blood Pressure Check followed at 1 p.m. with The Berkeley High Orchestra; March 27, 1 p.m.: Chronic Disease Support Group with Dr. Micha Cahn followed by Ever Young Performers at 1:15 p.m. 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way. 644-6107.

PFA: March 21, 7:30 p.m.: Peter Kubelka Lecture entitled "The Edible Metaphor: Cooking as the oldest form of Art"; March 22, 7:30 p.m.: Demon Dog of American Crime Fiction; a lecture by James Ellroy followed at 9:15 p.m. with *T-Men*; March 24, 5:30 p.m.: *The Joyless Street* followed by *Impossible Love* with short *Asa Nielsen* at 7:15 p.m. UC Berkeley.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center: March 21, 11 a.m.: Jackie Hetman will continue telling stories and showing pictures about her travels. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 526-9146.

Family Life Hotline: Wednesdays on KPFA 94.1 FM: Sponsored by Jewish Family and Children's Services of the East Bay with co-hosts Ruth Fremes, MA, and William French, LCSW of West Oakland Mental Health.

Jitterbug Club: Second Saturday of month: The Northern California Lindy M.C. Newburn Books: March 27, 7 p.m.: Jaqueline Girdner with *Most Likely to Die* and Lynne Murray will give a *Termination Interview*. 950 San Pablo Ave., Albany. 524-1370.

Architectural Tour: March 24, Noon - 4 p.m.: Docents will offer a tour of the Berkeley City Club designed by Julia Morgan. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. 848-7800.

Abstract Art: March 23, 10 a.m.: Artist Elizabeth Hack will be offering a painting and drawing workshop, *Creating Abstract Art* at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. The cost is \$14. 525-8278.

Botanical Garden: March 23, 10 a.m.: Elaine Sedlack, horticulturist for the Asian Area of the U.C. Botanical Garden, will lead a Rhododendron Walk pointing out and discussing the many beautiful and rare rhododendrons in the collection. Centennial Drive, Berkeley. 642-3343.

Books and Ballet: March 23, 10:30 a.m.: The San Francisco Ballet presents a special program for children, *Dance Me a Story*, in an introduction to the ballet, with demonstrations to music and story interpretation. Central Library Children's Room, 2090 Kittredge, Berkeley. 649-3943.

Community Artists: March 21, 7 p.m.: Photographer Lynn McCracken and artist Ruth O'Day will talk about their current projects. McCracken has been working over the past several years with members of a gang in San Francisco's Mission District. O'Day has been working with community participation in creating a tile mosaic at Tyrone Carey park in Oakland. Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. 644-6893.

Gaia Bookstore: March 21, 7:30 p.m.: David Harris with *The Last Stand: The War Between Wall Street & Main Street over California's Ancient Redwoods*; March 22, 7:30 p.m.: Deborah Koff-Chapin will talk about her book *SoulCards: Trusting the Image Within You*; March 25, 7:30 p.m.: James O'Reilly and Larry Habegger gather the writings of 45 authors in *Traveler's Tales: INDIA*; March 27, 7:30 p.m.: Patricia Lynn Reilly with *A God Who Looks Like Me*. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 848-GALA.

Nutritional Medicine: March 21, 6:30 p.m.: Talk on Nutritional Medicine to introduce approaches that are complementary to conventional medical care. Maffly Auditorium, Alta Bates Medical Center, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. 204-4400.

Barnes and Noble: March 24, 7:30 p.m.: Judith Collin, Kathy Evans, and Molly Fisk will read from their works. 2352 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley.

Philately Meeting: For stamp collectors; first and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 p.m.; Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. 526-5397 or 655-7827.

Homework Helper: Every Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.: Berkeley Public Library's South Branch offers a free Homework Assistance Center for all kids in grades 4-12. 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 644-6860.

African-American Book Club: Meets last Thursday of each month: South Berkeley Branch Library, 1901 Russell, Berkeley. 415-773-9558.

University YWCA: March 26, Noon: Kathy Quain, Mercy Retirement Center will talk about a career working with the elderly. 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 848-6370.

Exhibits

Judah L. Magnes Museum: March 24, 2 - 4 p.m.: Opening Reception for Israeli Consulate representatives and "Mein Kampf" exhibit photographs. David Levinthal. At 4:15 p.m. a discussion on photography with special guests. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

Albany Arts Gallery: Through April 12. Marge Drew will have on display series of works entitled *Agony, Ecstasy, Floral Portraits*. 1251 Solano Ave., Albany. 526-9558.

Working Together: March 21, 10 p.m.: A collaboration of artists with disabilities and the students from California College of Arts and Crafts (CCAC) and Andres Cisneros (UCLA) Florence Ludins-Katz Memorial class - NIAD, 551 23rd St., Richmond. 0290.

Black Panthers: Through May 12, commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the Black Panther Party by Huey P. Newton, an exhibit and catalog on the Black Panther Party offered. Entitled "The Legacy of the Panthers", 65 photos were selected to capture the true legacy of the Panthers and show the dreams and hopes of the people in the community who were committed to change. La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

Japanese artist Keiko Nishida: "Inner Diary: Installation and Paper Structures" at the Graduate Theological Union, 2400 Ridge, Berkeley. 649-5211.

New Pieces: Through Apr. 4, Pices Fabric presents "Color Play" exhibit of quilts by Berkeley quilters. Rhodie. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 6779.

Sporin Cafe Art: Through April 4, a.m.-11 p.m., daily except Sunday. 2301 Powell Ave., Emeryville. 524-5221.

Tanna Bellia: Ongoing show: Tanna Bellia, local artist, is currently displaying some recent pastels dealing with nature and vegetables and other cultural delights. On display from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rendezvous Cafe, 1001 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-9283.

Works in Pastel: Through June. The works of Trudy Vilasik. Albany Community Center, Foyer Gallery, 1001 Marin Ave., Albany. 524-9283.

Support groups, self-help

Alzheimer's: and related dementia. Monday Enrichment Program sponsored by the Claremont Center: music, dance and fellowship; St. John's Church Center, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 444-0101.

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El Cerrito Fiesta Fundraiser to benefit city youth

The annual Fiesta Fundraiser Dinner will be held on Friday, March 29, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The fundraiser benefits the David Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund. David Hunter was a student at the University of San Francisco State when he died in a car accident in April of 1994.

A Richmond resident, David Hunter graduated from El Cerrito High School in 1988 and had worked with the youth in the El Cerrito area. He was a high school freshman coach and worked for the City of El Cerrito for eight years as a camp assistant

director, lifeguard, swim instructor and basketball coach. The fund-raiser was renamed in his memory because of his commitment to the children and teens of our community. Money raised enables families or individuals who need financial assistance to participate in the City of El Cerrito, Community Services' various programs. Programs include youth basketball, summer day camps, after-school day care, swimming lessons and many more.

The dinner menu will include beef taco, chicken or beef burrito, cheese

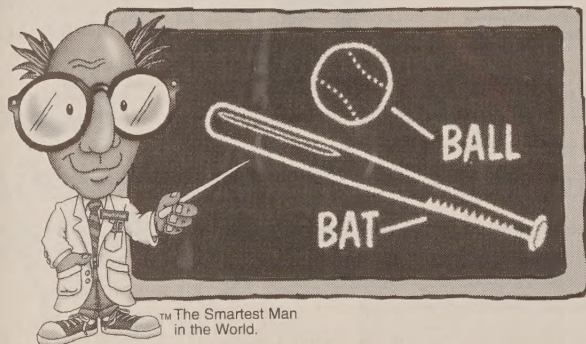
enchilada, rice and beans, salad, bean dip and salsa, no-host soda/coffee bar; dessert includes ice cream and Mexican cookie. A vegetarian dinner is also available upon request.

The dinner will be provided by New Mecca Mexican Cafe and specialty coffee drinks provided by Espresso A La Carte, and held at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. Ticket prices are \$10 before March 28 and \$12 on March 29, if available. Tickets are available through the El Cerrito Community Center, 215-4370.

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Volunteers make a difference for NetDay '96

By Georgia Fujikawa

ALBANY — On Saturday, March 9, Albany High School participated in NetDay '96 along with thousands of other schools across the state. Although they didn't receive the media attention given to the presence of President Clinton or Vice President Gore in Concord, it was nevertheless a day of significance for the high school based on the number of people attending and the amount of work accomplished. This was truly a grass-roots effort. The high school had made no attempt to advertise or recruit volunteers.

Volunteers simply came forward, most after seeing the NetDay homepage on the World Wide Web and signing up electronically. School coordinator Mitchell Carter, one of two vice principals at the high school, sent e-mail messages to all those who signed up under the school's page on the web site and asked them to attend

a meeting the week before the event. He had no idea how many would show up. In fact, there were almost 20 people at the meeting, and the planning and coordination started that night.

The school was lucky to attract a number of people with specific technical skills who were able to act as coordinators and team leaders. Gloria Burt of The Systems Group, Al Nielson of Albany Microcomputers (who happens to be husband of AHS librarian Linda Nielson) and George Song of The North Face each handled an area of the project, using teams made up of parents, community members and high school students.

There were 35 people working on Saturday, and after some initial confusion as to who would do what, groups were formed and wire was strung. There was a wonderful feeling of community barn-raising to the day, including the traditional sharing of food that goes with that event. Thanks to the donations of LaVal's and Domino's there was a pizza feast

at noon. Cable had been donated by Kray Cabling of Richmond.

By the end of the day the cable that forms the "backbone" for the building had been strung and attached to ceilings and pipes. This backbone runs down the center of the hall on each floor and connects the school's main phone lines with the further set of cables that will be used to attach computers to the outside world.

In addition to the main cable, four classrooms and the library were hooked up to the backbone and are ready to be connected to computers already there. The next part of the project is tentatively set for May to finish connecting the classrooms to the backbone.

This was another demonstration of Albany "people power" and reminds us once again of the dual strength of our community — both in the breadth of skills represented and also in the willingness to put those skills to the benefit of our public institutions.

City officials ready to get their hands wet

ALBANY — The city of Albany, along with AmeriCorps Water Watch, is sponsoring A Day at Cerrito Creek. Council members from Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito and Richmond will join community members in testing water quality, documenting street insect popula-

tions and removing debris.

The March 23 event is part of a continuing effort to increase environmental awareness while restoring urban waterways.

Those wishing to participate should check-in at Creekside Park, at the south end of Belmont Street

off Lassen Street in El Cerrito. The schedule of activities includes:

- 10 a.m. Welcome speech;
- 10:15 a.m. Clean-up and insect inspection;
- 11 a.m. Water Quality testing;
- 12 p.m. Press conference;
- 12:45 p.m. Refreshments.

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Retired fossil hunter writes book of a lifetime

Martin Riser has been interested in and collecting fossils for years. His interest in fossils led to an increased interest in fossil hunters, and, ultimately, in the Sternberg family of fossil hunters. And, the ultimate ultimate, to the writing of the book *The Sternberg Family of Fossil Hunters*.

Riser says that before his heart transplant (and that is another story we will discuss here) he used to go out fossil-hunting. He found some whale bones and other things that he keeps in a treasured collection.

His interest in the Sternberg family was heightened by both his interest in fossils and in religion. The Sternberg family, he notes, was a "fairly prominent Christian family. He was interested in their views of evolution and their ability to balance things that 'people might see as diametrically opposed.

"I was reading a book on the flood, which made reference to one of the biographies Sternberg had written," Riser was also "fascinated" by the fact that his sons followed him into the profession, as well as his relationship with his wife. The wife had the same heart condition that led to Martin Riser's heart transplant: the rather rare condition known as cardiomyopathy, which causes the heart to enlarge.

Although he had written to several sources and received much information on the Sternberg family, he had never really decided to write the book until, while on a business trip to Maryland, he paid a visit to the Smithsonian Institute.

When he explained his interest in fossils and the Sternbergs, he was allowed to

go downstairs, into their collections. They also let him go through the correspondence they had had with both the father and the two sons, and to copy whatever he wanted. "What a wealth of information!" he says, with deep satisfaction. And thus his writing took off.

It took 10 years to write the book, Riser notes, with time out for his very serious heart transplant. And his wife, Lila, noted that in many ways it became a family interest.

The Sternberg Family of Fossil Hunters has been out for about six months now. I looked through the handsome book while Riser gave me some bits of information. For instance,

although the family is from Kansas, the two sons are now in Canada, and one of them has gained considerable fame. In fact, there is a museum named after him.

The book is in several libraries, including Cal-Berkeley, and in at least one out of the country, in Great Britain. Riser says part of the reason why it took 10 years to write was that Sternberg himself was a prolific writer and Riser has copies of some 250 to 300 of his letters. His bibliography, Riser notes, has 65 items. The book itself sells for \$120, so he doesn't expect his friends and family to buy copies of it.

A heart transplant is a horrendous thing, and it naturally affected the family strongly. His cardiomyopathy was caused by a rare virus that attacked his heart. The doctors tried to regulate it with the use of medication, which seemed to work for several months. Then he started getting worse, to the point where he couldn't walk and was always totally exhausted.

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were fortunate enough to get him into Stanford, he was put at the top of the transplant list. Their good fortune continued when, within seven days, he had a heart and the transplant was accomplished without unusual complications.

"It was a very hard time," Lila Riser remembers. Their son, Michael, was having school problems and Lila herself was having medical problems at the same time. But the family was strong and deeply committed to each other. And, they both said, their deep commitment to religion helped a great deal. And they weathered it well.

The evening I spent with them Michael, who goes to a



Martin Riser

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



very small Christian school in Richmond, was writing a report about his father's transplant, for school.

Daughter Julie, who is just graduating from Cal State-Hayward in journalism, took time to chat about her work as an intern with the West County Times. Her parents told me that she had spent her first two college years at Contra Costa Community College where she was editor of the college magazine "Moment," and she took first place at a national meeting of journalism schools, for a story she had written on the Oakland/Berkeley fire.

Both Risers were working in the credit department at I. Magnin's when they met. He has continued in the credit business, now as credit manager for Schurman Fine Papers.

Lila says her career has been as a homemaker and all that implies, including home-teaching son Michael for five years.

Chatting in their comfortable home in the Richmond Annex, it was obvious that they were a closely knit family, aware of how lucky they are to have the father alive and well, and proud of his accomplishments, as well as their own.

It was family friend Jackie

Wendell who called me about Martin Riser, and I thank her for it.

And, as always, I invite all of you to give me your suggestions: interesting people, events, activities, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

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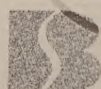
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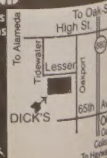
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Albany PTA Council News

By Peggy Thow

Ideas and opinions wanted: It's no secret that many Albany classes and programs have been cut over the years because of budget shortfalls.

This year, unlike previous years, the district anticipates a surplus of funds for next year's programs. To help them make decisions about using the money, the School Board established a Program/Budget Study Committee made up of parents and teacher representatives from each site.

If you have ideas about how to strengthen the curriculum in Albany schools, you can forward your ideas to the Program/Budget Study Committee in several ways. You may write to the PTA at your school, which will collect and give the letters to the committee.

Or you may attend the upcoming meeting of the PTA Council, next Monday night at 7:30 at Albany Middle School. We will create a list of curriculum and budget priorities for the committee. All parents, teachers, and students who wish to contribute ideas are welcome

to attend.

Get out the vote: At Albany High School the League of Women voters will hold Mock Elections this week. Students who previously registered to vote with the LWV will mark ballots on Friday, March 22. They will learn results next week.

The Mock Elections teach students to register, to read and understand ballots, to evaluate campaign literature, and to cast their votes on Election Day. The League believes that students who are familiar with the process will be more likely to participate in real elections once they turn 18 and can legally vote. Mock Elections have been held in other East Bay school districts, but this is the first year the League has held one at Albany High School.

The rest of us get to vote, for real, on March 26. There's an important school bond, Proposition 203, on this ballot. Be sure you know where your polling place is on Tuesday, and get yourself there as early as you can.

Meetings This Week

Marin School PTA postponed last week's meeting. They meet tonight, March 21, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Marin

School Library, and will discuss curriculum/budget priorities.

Cornell PTA also meets tonight, March 21, at 7:30 p.m.

PTA Council meets Monday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. We will putting together a priority list for the district's 1996-97 Budget, as requested by the School Board. Parents, teachers, and students may all contribute their ideas about rebuilding a strong curriculum in our schools. If you have a particular curriculum concern, please attend or talk to your school's representative about your ideas.

Schedule change: Vista-MacGregor PTA meets Tuesday, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. in the Albany Middle School library. The meeting will be followed at 7:15 by guest speaker Parker Page from the Children's TV Resource and Education Center, who will talk about "Helping Kids Survive TV." All interested parents are welcome to hear about this important topic. The PTA will provide child care. Please call the office at Vista or MacGregor so they can know how many children to provide for.

Albany Board of Education meets Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Cornell Multi-Use Room.

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

This week's column looks at two items which at first glance seem so different: urgently needed improvements in our middle schools and the results of NetDay '96. Putting the column together, I was struck by De Anza High School senior Adam Geffes' closing comment below, "Right now, what all of the WCCUSD schools need is community support in order to improve. With everyone's help, there is no limit to what we can accomplish!"

Middle School costs

"In order to implement change — to make major changes in structure in our Middle Schools," said Associate Superintendent Anna Blackman, "we have to be willing to put out money."

Blackman's comments came as she introduced her budget figures at a special school board study session March 13 called to discuss the fiscal implications of the Middle School Task Force's recommendations. Calling her estimates conservative, Blackman put the total personnel costs of implementation at \$3.88 million. That figure does not include the costs of improving middle school technology, estimated at \$2 to \$3 million, or the cost of building a new middle school in central Richmond, for which figures were not provided.

Blackman presented costs for the key provisions of an ambitious plan for restoring educational quality in the district's middle schools, which, along with the district's teachers, bore the brunt of the cuts imposed in the wake of the school district's bankruptcy. The plan calls for reducing middle school size, restoring the sixth period, reducing counselor/student ratios, reducing class size, and providing full-time libraries.

The proposal was first presented by a task force representing teachers, classified employees, administrators and parents Feb. 14. Wednesday's board study session was the first opportunity for the public and board members to discuss how the task force's work would be translated to action.

School board members expressed a unanimous desire to take action on the task force's proposals. Superintendent Herbert Cole said, "I think we are going to have to bite the bullet and restore the sixth period."

However, unanimity broke down when Boardmember Adrienne Harris-Pitts moved to restore the sixth period for the 1996-97 school year, to ask staff to do a cost analysis for the reduction of middle school size, and to ask the middle school task force to prioritize the balance of their recommendations. The motion was defeated on a 2-2 vote, with Pitts and Ramsey voting yes and Fenton and Snodgrass voting no. (Easton was absent due to illness.) Snodgrass indicated complete support for the task force's recommendations but called the motion premature in light of the district's still precarious finances. Board President Fenton said, "... we all support this. However, we cannot just say that because we support it we can throw caution to the wind."

Fenton asked staff to return on March 20 with a resolution of support for the task force's recommendations.

West County on the Net

Following up on West County NetDay '96 activities, several NetDay organizers have provided great reports on activities at their schools. Rather than summarize them, I thought I would provide you with their own words.

NetDay a Big Success at Mira Vista Elementary

By Scott Jordan
Co-Organizer, Mira Vista NetDay '96

Congratulations to Mira Vista Elementary School's crew of NetDay volunteers and its supporting cast of community and business sponsors and helpers! Mira Vista is now "wired" for PacBell's high-speed Internet data-line hookup. In fact, Mira Vista was the ONLY public elementary school in the district with installation activities underway on March 9, NetDay '96 — in spite of

most of its volunteers and organizers having first leamed of NetDay at most a scant six days before.

In those few days, the Mira Vista NetDay '96 task force grew from pioneering volunteer Victoria Maki to 14 officially-registered volunteers, two organizers and four initial financial sponsors. NetDay itself saw a host of active helpers busy on-site throughout the day. The group installed five ISDN drops (two in the room designated to be the new library, and one each in three upper-grade classrooms) and a high-quality Northern Telecom patch panel.

Special thanks are due for the talents brought by Rick Demshok and Tim Logan, who each provided invaluable professional experience; to Jennifer Graber, Dana Meyer, Brian Saephan and Victoria Maki for all their hard work and supportiveness; and to Lance Beeson for his expert labor and runs for tools and to Home Depot. Financial contributions have been made by Target of El Cerrito, the East Richmond Neighborhood Council and the Mira Vista Country Club. Kevin Mackey took many excellent photographs — some of which are viewable on the NetDay '96 World-Wide-Web site, and Armando Picciotto of WCCUSD provided valuable technical insight and logistical support.

Glynnis Logan and co-organizer Mercedes Jordan brought refreshments and looked after various children of volunteers throughout the day. A much-appreciated gourmet lunch for all was brought to the school by Ameridata, a software supplier to WCCUSD. And finally, a great celebration was held at the Jordans' home after work finished. The success of the event was toasted with champagne and a magnificent sunset.

But NetDay '96 is just a beginning. Next come two advanced multimedia workstations donated by the Mira Vista PTA, the final implementation of the PacBell ISDN hookup, and training for teachers and students by volunteers

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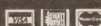
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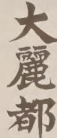
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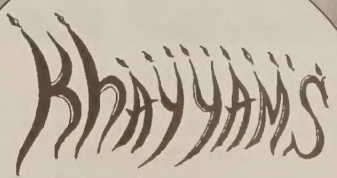
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A familiar voice from the past

Dr. Don Rose Returning: The guy who "owned" morning radio here for much of the 70's and 80's, joke machine Dr. Don Rose, was on the phone, giving me a health update — and also telling me he's moving back to the East Bay later this year.

Rose, who made more than any other radio personality here in the 1980s (\$390,000) when he was morning man at KFRC, has been living in Phoenix the past four years, regaining his health and managing two apartment buildings he owns. "I miss the Bay Area," he said in that infectious, upbeat voice of his. "Kay and I are moving back when we sell these two properties. They're listed. Our five kids and seven grandkids all live in the Bay Area and Sacramento, and we want to see them more often."

Rose's funny business card lists his real name and his supposed profession: "Don Rosenberg — Retired Fertilizer Distributor." Dr. Don tells me he's lost 35 pounds, has been playing golf a lot, swims 45 minutes a day, "and I feel pretty good, all things considered."

The nonstop jokemeister and sound-effects czar (remember the horns and Roscoe The Dog?) says he still has heart problems, but his pericarditis is a lot better than on that day seven years ago

when he thought he was having a heart attack on the air at K-101. His doctor then told him bluntly, "Get out of radio, or you'll die."

But Rose says now he might get back into radio "if the right opportunity presents itself" when he returns here — probably to live in the Danville area, his old home base. And sources at Rose's old station, KFRC (Rose likes my shopworn gag about it being the Iranian station, K-Farsi), tell me the station's made overtures to Rose. (That station is paying talent-impaired creationist/morning man Gary Bryant a ludicrous 300K a year).

Rose, who had his already-damaged left leg amputated above the knee in 1984 after slipping on a piece of fruit outside KFRC early one morning when he stepped out of his station-provided limo, received an avalanche of get-well wishes from thousands of listeners during that health crisis. The hard-luck Rose had battled an infection in that same leg for years — one that had already been shortened by surgery.

Within a year, Dr. Don was back out on the golf course with his new leg, and I played a few rounds with him. His game seemed to have improved after he lost the leg.

"I recently almost had to have it amputated even further up," says Rose, laughing as always — somewhat incongruously at this point. This happened four weeks ago, explained Rose, whose son, Jay Rosenberg, is still chief engineer here at KMEL-FM.

"I spent several days on the bad leg, dragging my grandkids around the Phoenix zoo," chuckles Rose. "Then I went back to a radio convention in Atlanta and stood on it all day." Without

■ New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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By Peter O'Gordon / Edited by Will McShortz

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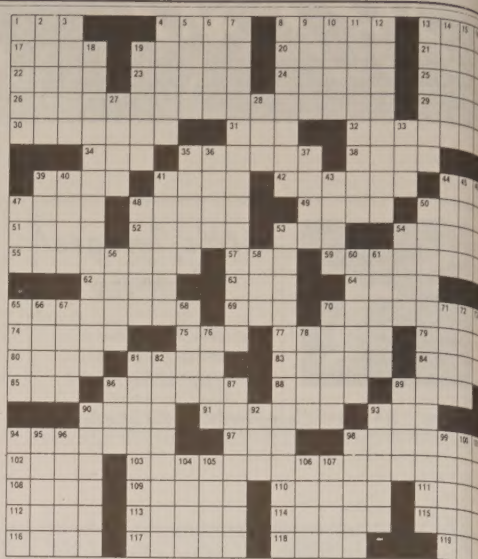
getting into the clinical details which might chase away some squeamish readers, Rose says he learned that his stump had become re-infected. Doctors were leaning toward amputating more of it. Rose finally ended up in a Florida hospital for several days, but he was feeling better last week at home in Phoenix when I spoke with him.

"I'm on a new diet," says Rose, who says he misses telling nonstop jokes and longs to work again in radio.

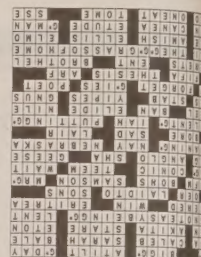
"I remember when I first arrived in San Francisco from Philadelphia," he says. "I went up on Telegraph Hill, looked down at the city and shouted, 'I'm gonna OWN you. Then I looked down — and my suitcase had been stolen.' He

laughs at his own joke, as always. And I had to laugh, too. After all, Rose, as befits his professional name, is one of the sweetest people you'll ever meet, inside or outside broadcasting.

In the time before he moves, Rose said he'd love to get e-mail from fans and friends. Send e-mail to: Drdonrose@aol.com



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| <p>61 1990 Best Actress</p> <p>65 Used a natatorium</p> <p>66 One of the three rivers of Three Rivers Stadium</p> <p>67 Cry of pain</p> <p>68 The legal profession, in slang</p> <p>70 Singing voice</p> <p>71 Best hand in baccarat</p> | <p>72 Flood</p> <p>73 Graham and Joe, e.g.</p> <p>76 Drive the getaway car, perhaps</p> <p>78 Year B.C. in which Crassus died</p> <p>81 Tex-Mex staple</p> <p>82 Sanitation engineer</p> <p>86 Interjection of disgust</p> | <p>87 1924 Michael Arlen novel about London society</p> <p>89 "Teach"</p> <p>90 Monthly Meeting member</p> <p>92 Chang's twin</p> <p>93 Cropped up</p> <p>94 Work permit</p> <p>95 Well-dressed elephant</p> <p>96 Miss Dunn of "Heartbreak House"</p> | <p>98 Bottom of a platter</p> <p>99 Mediterranean oaks</p> <p>100 Woodhouse's Peel of fiction</p> <p>101 Sierra —</p> <p>104 A as in Aschen</p> <p>105 Wave of water coming ashore</p> <p>106 Singing pan</p> <p>107 Place ruled by a lord?</p> |
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SENIOR LIVING



Salem Lutheran Home - a complete retirement community

By Jeryllyn Feitelberg

Salem Lutheran (SL) is located on a quiet cul-de-sac in a residential area of Oakland. Designed to resemble a village, SL occupies five acres of meticulously maintained property. To the casual visitor the attractive low rise apartment building, cottages and main building offer no hint that all of the nearly 200 residents are senior citizens. But for 70 years, Salem Lutheran has provided a variety of housing opportunities for the mature person.

Housing options range from comfortable two bedroom apartments and cottages for those who prefer independent living in a retirement community setting, to Residential Care for those who need occasional assistance, to Assisted Living when one is in need of daily help, skilled nursing and planned activities.

The interior is gracious and inviting with pale pink walls, deep green carpeting and fashionable, yet comfortable furniture. The gathering rooms make it clear at once that this is a home, not an institution.

Three meals per day are served in the congenial dining room, and a full schedule of activities is available for those who choose to participate. An experienced, caring staff is on hand to meet the physical, emotional and dietary needs of each resident.

Chaplaincy and visiting pas-

tors are an important component of the programs at Salem Lutheran. Spiritual sustenance is available for those who choose to partake, and a chapel on the premises offers a serene, meditative respite.

I was particularly interested to learn about The Terrace which is the newest residential program at Salem Lutheran. Located on the upper level of the New Care Center, the Terrace was created specifically to provide care for those who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related dementia.

Janet Ackart, Director of Marketing, is proud of this program which focuses on enhancing those abilities that are

remaining to the individual, even providing an area for gardening with completely nontoxic plants.

Quality of care and preservation of dignity are the main objectives of Salem Lutheran and all the facilities. This philosophy is reflected from The Terrace for those with special needs to the apartments for the very healthy.

An Open House for prospective residents will be held at Salem Lutheran on Saturday, May 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is requested that you call (510) 534-3637 for reservations. Salem Lutheran is located at 2361 East 29th Street, Oakland.



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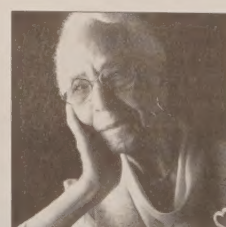
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Typhoon Restaurant a new member

With 12 years of restaurant experience, seven of them as a chef, Dinh Binh Tran, better known as "Rex," recently joined the Typhoon Restaurant at 908 San Pablo Avenue, next to the Albany branch of The Mechanics Bank. Since cooking has been his favorite pastime since childhood, Rex is happiest when preparing food for others. "Food is my life — like painting pictures. It makes me feel good about myself to prepare dishes knowing my customers appreciate the good food and artistry," he said proudly.

The restaurant features California and Pacific Rim cuisine. Everything is fresh, including seafood served with a Pacific Rim style with an Asian influence. One has a choice of steamed vegetables, grilled portabella, roasted potatoes, jasmine rice, with other delicacies baked, deep fried, grilled, steamed or roasted, using only canola oil when needed. Customers should look for the navy awning with red and yellow lettering.

The interior was designed to seat 40 people comfortably surrounded by colors of sky blue, aqua and deep purple, making an attractive, relaxing atmosphere. The open kitchen invites customers to peek at the cooking area. Rex does the cooking, giving customers the benefit of his cooking experience. His menu offers a large selection of appetizers, salads and entrees. He is proud to create the delicious and sumptuous food without using MSG.

Rex worked for one year at Thibon's Tutto Mare, where he was the senior chef, leaving there to work for five years at the Spectrum Company. To gather additional types of ethnic

preparations he later worked at San Francisco restaurant Misono, at the Nikko Hotel, Monsoon and Prego. He was the sous chef at Tutto Bene and Prego. These positions gave him vast experience in Japanese, Asian, Californian and Italian cuisine, as well as desserts and breads.

A native of Viet Nam, Rex came to California as a 12-year-old for schooling. When he was 14-years-old he started working in a restaurant, which became his career. He married his high school sweetheart, Sandy. They are the parents of Joanne, 2, and 7-month-old Sean.

The restaurant is open Wednesday through Monday. Luncheon is served from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Dinners are served from 5 to 9:30 p.m., except for Friday and Saturday, from 5 to 10:30 p.m. Master Card, Visa and the Discover Cards are accepted.



Dinh Tran, "Rex," owner of the Typhoon Restaurant.

NOTE: The restaurant was so busy after receiving a San Francisco newspaper review Rex ran out of food.

White elephant and baked goods sale

For those who need or have "white elephants," the Friends of Albany Seniors plan their annual "White Elephants and Baked Goods and Everything Sale" for Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave. Window posters are about town reading "Be Where the Bargains — Be There!"

Anyone may drop off their donations at the center, preferably prices for a quick sale. One may not price the items, however, it helps in operating a smooth sale day. Friends of Albany Seniors President Jewel Okawachi announced the Friends recently purchased new tables and chairs and a window non-glare

covering from last year's proceeds. This year's proceeds will be used for other needed items.

Today's teens — What's a parent to do?

Neighborhoods in Action invites Albany parents to a parent's panel discussion on "Today's Teens — What's a parent to do?," Thursday, March 28, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave.

Parents may participate or observe parents who have or are living with their teen's problems. This is an opportunity to have questions answered and learn of community resources. Panel facilitator is Susan Word, PAV (psychotherapy Against Violence). Seating is limited and child care is available.

Sponsored by the Albany Prevention Council, chair person Jewel Okawachi suggests making reservations, or for further information, call Kathy Burke at 559-6670.

Assembly candidate Robert Cheasty

The Albany Chamber of Commerce does not take a stand on any political issue or candidate. However, a long time Chamber of Commerce member, attorney Robert Cheasty, is a candidate for our assembly district. This is not an endorsement, but the Chamber has the privilege of writing about its members. Cheasty's activities

with the Chamber and the community deserve notice.

Cheasty is a leader in establishing the East Shore State Park, was the principal architect taking the Solano Avenue Stroll from 20,000 visitors to over 100,000. He introduced and voted in one of the first anti-smoking laws in the state. He is a strong advocate of the public and private sector partnership to create a substantial economy in Albany.

Following his term as Albany's mayor and council representative and a labor lawyer for the state, his wife Valerie and he co-chaired the Earthquake Preparedness Program for Albany, taking the almost defunct earthquake program and helped bring it to where it is today. Many of us participated in the state's first city-wide earthquake drill last April. Cheasty is a partner in the law firm of Cheasty, Davis and Pollack.

Kensington Lions Charter Night

Alan Caruso of the Albany Lions Club announced the dinner Charter Night ceremony of the newly formed Kensington Lions Club will be held Friday, April 12, at the 385 Colusa Supper Club, located at the Colusa Circle in Kensington.

The Albany Lions Club sponsors the new club. Dinner tickets are available from members of the Kensington Club, as well as at Caruso's office, 367 Colusa Ave. Call 527-4640 for information.

EC Chamber hosts meeting

Kay Godwin, Principal of Marketing Avenues, will be the guest speaker when the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce meets on March 25, at noon, at the Cerrito City Club.

Her topic will be "Building a Successful Business Through Effective Marketing." Godwin is president of the Professional Environmental Marketing Association and past-president of the Society for Marketing Professional Services. RSVP is required by calling 233-7040 today, March 21, at the chamber office.

The next membership mixer for the chamber will be this evening, 5:30-7 p.m., hosted by Kiefer Furniture, corner Central at San Pablo. This event gives members the opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and to enjoy mixing business with pleasure. RSVP is not required, but helpful in the planning.

New program aimed at youth

Thanks to an unusual child care program for youth with special needs, a group of kids from all over Contra Costa County are learning new social skills and having a chance for the first time to experience the same social interaction other teens have.

The George Miller Centers in Concord and Richmond have designed a program aimed at getting youth from 11 to 22 years old who have developmental disabilities out into the community to join in social and recreational outings such as bowling, playing arcade games, going to the movies.

George Miller Centers Director Bill Sorrell says the goal of the program is to make it possible for kids with special needs to participate in normal teen activities while learning practical skills in a supervised environment. Slots in both Center programs are still open, call 646-5710.

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East Bay Events

Too young for Bach

The Junior Bach Festival will present its 43rd annual concert series March 21-24. Six concerts featuring selected young musicians performing are scheduled for Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at First Congregational Church, corner of Dana and Durant.

A concert will also be held Saturday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m., at Walnut Presbyterian Church, 1720 Oakland Boulevard, Walnut Creek (94701).

More than 340 young musicians, with ages ranging from 6 to 20, auditioned for this year's festival. Most are from the Bay Area, but many are from as far away as Davis and Fresno and this year, from Texas. The auditions were judged by panels of professional musicians from among the top performers and teachers in the Bay Area. They gave 92 performances for the festival.

Participating musicians from Berkeley are Sharon Bogas, 15, cello; Carolyn Kuo, 15, piano; Elizabeth Alonzo-Hallifax, 13, cello; Noah Balgley, 11, violin; Emily Adams, 12, violin; Morgan Staples, 12, voice; Vanessa Langer, 16, voice; Nerina Mancini, 17, cello; Cynthia Lo, 17, organ; Christo Logan, 12, cello; Ian Buchanan, 12, harpsichord; Signe Hersel, 17, voice; Amanda Goodin, 17, flute; and Nathan Olson, 9, piano.

Other local musicians include Jenny Graves, 16, flute and Juliann Ma, 16, piano, both from Albany, and Sharon Lee, 16, piano, from Kensington. Also El Cerrito are Jimin Lee, 15, piano; Quen Cheng, 12, violin; and Wang Ba, 15, piano; and Wen-Yee Choi, 16, piano.

Brass ensemble plays early music



The San Francisco Early Music Society presents Concerto Galatino, the renowned early brass ensemble, in a program dedicated to daring harmonic and rhythmic artifice featuring music of the 17th century. With director Bruce Dickey and members Sherwin, cornetti; Charles Toet and Wim Becu, tromboni, and Jan Willem Jansen, harpsichord and organ. The concert is Saturday, March 23, 8 p.m., at First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant streets, Berkeley. A free, pre-concert lecture at 7 p.m. is open to ticket holders, and SFEMS's 20th birthday party — at the Musical Offering — will follow the concert. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 seniors and SFEMS members, \$5 students (at the door, with ID). Tickets may be purchased at the door, or by calling 528-1725.

Cuban cultural treasure

Cal Performances presents the Cuban National Folkloric Dance Ensemble, the leading exponent of Afro-Cuban music and dance tradition, in two performances, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 22 and 23 in Warburton Hall.

One of the world's most prestigious folkloric dance companies, the ensemble troupe of musicians and dancers have carefully collected, preserved and revived the wealth of Cuba's diverse cultural traditions, including indigenous Caribbean, European and African influences.

Making its first United States tour in 15 years, the Cuban National Folkloric Dance Ensemble, with its riveting choreography, intricate work, colorful costumes, intoxicating percussive rhythms and exuberant song, "astonishes and leaves us speechless" (*France Soir*, Paris). To complement the company's Zellerbach Hall performances, artistic director Rogelio Martinez Fure will be the featured speaker at a free pre-concert discussion at 7 p.m. on March 22 and 23 as part of Cal Performances' ongoing series of talks with guest artists. The 34-year company's Berkeley visit includes a master class with the ensemble Saturday, March 23, at La Peña Cultural Center in Berkeley.

Tickets for all performances are available through the Cal Performances at 642-9988, at the door or at all BASS outlets.

Friday afternoon piano

Bay Area Pianists presents concert pianist Frank Wiens in a solo recital which will include works by Bach, Beethoven, Albeniz, Granados, Medtner and Chopin at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, at the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road in Kensington.

Audience members may choose to arrive early for a special preconcert recital by 16-year-old Sheila Chan, a student in the preparatory department of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. This recital begins at 3:15 p.m. and is free to ticket holders.

Wiens gave his New York debut at Carnegie Recital Hall in 1984 and debuted in London in 1986 and Vienna in 1987. In addition to European and American recitals, he has also toured the Soviet Union and Korea. A winner of the first prize in the North American Young Artists Competition and the Southwest Pianists Competition, Wiens has recorded works by Rachmaninoff which were released by Deutsche Grammophon in 1995. He makes his home in Stockton.

Good Lawyer' is back

Good Lawyer - Moonbeam's Dilemma will be staged once only at the Costa Civic Theater, 981 Pomona, El Cerrito, this Sunday at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3. For reservations call 528-2416.

More East Bay events next page

'Mulatto' still fresh on age-old theme

By Wanda Sabir

Though Langston Hughes' play *Mulatto* was written well over sixty years ago, many American families are presently struggling with "the mulatto," or interracial, phenomena. The issue at hand is usually one of, "Do we ignore the relationship or acknowledge it?"

The play tells the love story of Cora, a black housekeeper, and her 30-year relationship with Colonel Thomas Norwood. The plot pivots on Cora's and Norwood's relationship with Robert, their youngest son. "Bert," about 19 years old when the audience meets him, is home from school on a visit. His gray eyes, and quick temper remind everyone of his dad, Colonel Norwood.

All mulatto stories have similar ingredients: a white parent, usually male, and a dependent black female, perhaps a slave or former slave's offspring. Langston Hughes' *Mulatto* is a synthesis of all the black bastards of white men in the deep south. How does young Bert resolve his inner conflict around knowing who his father is, and not being able to claim him?

Bert says years later that a beating he received for calling his father "Papa" in front of white guests removed forever his love for his white father. But contrarily, Bert chooses to acknowledge only the white side of his heritage, which he calls, "his better half."

The brash young man says that he will not go through the back door of



Father and son: Bert (Da'Mon Vann) and the Colonel (Michael Dodervick)

his father's house. The colonel is his papa. He will not bow and scrape, pick cotton, or act subservient. Why should he? After all, won't "this" [his father's property] all be his one day? Isn't this his inheritance?

As things stand, however, Cora, a black woman, is the bright light in the Norwood home. The Colonel supports his family, sending his two mulatto daughters and son Bert to college. His oldest son, William, doesn't want to go, so the Colonel gives him a house as a wedding gift, and a job. The irony of this is that, in any other setting, Cora and Colonel Norwood would have been the picture of domestic stability. Can anyone blame Bert for his confusion?

Mulatto is very much a play of the '30s, an era when sociopolitical thought dominated American drama. Beginning in 1935, *Mulatto*, Hughes' first professionally produced play, ran a year on Broadway, then toured the nation for eight months.

The Black Repertory Group Theatre production, directed by Winston Williams, has an excellent cast. Actress Carolyn Powell as Cora takes turns stealing the show with Da'Mon Vann as Bert and Michael Sodervick as Colonel Tom.

Ernest Freeman, the butler, is dutifully "coon-like," as is actor

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What makes a Woman of Color?

By Wanda Sabir

As the audience sat sipping coffee in Katye Ridgeway's "living room" at the Black Repertory Group Theatre, we could almost hear church bells tolling, or Ridgeway's mom, singing to the family gathered 'round the piano. Ridgeway entertained us with accounts of the antics of family members who were captured on stage in wood-framed portraits, actual photos of her family borrowed from their homes.

Ridgeway is principal in the one-woman show *Woman of Color*, co-written by Ridgeway and Mary Carroll and directed by Paula Martin. The play moves at a congenial, relaxed, pace. It is as if the protagonist had invited the audience over to her house for coffee.

Ridgeway easily shifts from story to monologue to song. Through a series of flashbacks, she creates her character, the *Woman of Color*. But the play is not just one woman's story. *Woman of Color* is an attempt to blend the lives of the co-writers. They only partially achieve this goal.

Ridgeway says she had to live her life first, before she could write about it. If she had to live her life first, why not just focus on the one story — hers? The best parts of *Woman of Color* are Ridgeway's stories, her reenactment of memories of growing up in Alabama, with mom, dad

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Katye Ridgeway in her one-woman show at Black Rep.

Soto collects poems from life

By Barbara L. Sloane

In the summer of 1973, Gary Soto, a young poet living in Fresno, wrote a sequence of poems about the valley in which he lived. Within the next two weeks he also composed several poems for his father who had died many years earlier. Those subjects formed the foundation for his first published collection, *The Elements of San Joaquin*.

Last year that promising young artist was named a finalist for the 1995 National Book Awards in poetry for *Gary Soto: New and Selected Poems*, a collection representing his work of the last 20 years.

During that time Soto, who now lives in Berkeley, has remained close to his original subjects, the Central Valley from which he came, family, friends, the ordinary yet important details of daily life.

From seemingly simple materials he has fashioned a rich work

Soto's recent work in juvenile literature has not diverted him from his first love, poetry.

and a busy career as editor, essayist and poet. He has written eight poetry collections, three collections of essays and numerous children's books. In bookstores this spring there will be 23 books with Gary Soto's name on the cover, from five publishers.

He has received the Andrew Carnegie Medal and the Discovery/The Nation prize, in addition to fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts and the California

Arts Council. For several years he was a senior lecturer in the English department at UC Berkeley.

Soto's increasing acclaim as an author of children's books in Mexican-American settings led him to leave teaching and devote himself completely to his writing.

That his recent work in juvenile literature has not diverted him from his first love, poetry, is apparent in the National Book Awards nomination. "New and Selected Poems" contains selections from six of his full-length collections in addition to 23 poems previously unpublished in book form.

Although the sections in "New and Selected Poems" appear to be in chronological order, no dates are given. However, *The Elements of San Joaquin* was definitely the first collection to introduce Soto's work to the world outside literary magazines. The title poem dedicated to Cesar Chavez describes "Field,"

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Soto's 'Novio Boy' premieres

Gary Soto's *Novio Boy*, a one-act play in its Bay Area premiere, will be presented by young Latino actors at the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts in Richmond. Directed by veteran actor Richard Talavera, "Novio Boy" is the story of a naive ninth-grader named Rudy on his first date — an older woman, an 11th-grader named Patricia.

Rudy's first problem is that he's cash-poor, but beyond that he is unsure of how to act on this date. So Rudy seeks advice, first from his sidekick Alex, his overprotective mother, his Chicano hippie uncle, and people on the street.

Gary Soto has written more than 20 books for Latino youth.

Novio Boy runs March 22-23, and March 28-30 at the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts in Richmond, 339 11th Street (at MacDonald). The show starts at 7 p.m. Admission \$8 general, \$5 students and seniors. Call for group rates at 234-5624.

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A *Good Lawyer* is a situation comedy made for theater instead of television. New episodes play monthly. The story centers on a wholesome young man from a small town in South Dakota who goes to work as a lawyer in San Francisco. Of course, he ends up living next door to some of the most eccentric people on the planet.

The regular cast of the show consists of accomplished comedians who have performed successfully at CCCT. They include Mark Wimple as a hayseed attorney; Phil Reed as his tipsy, news reporter friend; Andrew Gabel as the neighborhood gossip and chief fashion critic; Cindy Kinnard as the local emotional therapist; Eric Fosselius as the swashbuckling Shakespearean actor who is always in character; Erika Vergeer-More as the lady in black who writes vampire novels; and Dan Cofer as Stan the Handyman, a character impossible to describe with the written word. There is a love interest played by the beautiful Paola Franceschi, and a dastardly villain played by Aubrey McClellan. Other notable comedians from Bay Area stages make frequent guest appearances.



Chip Brimhall plays a program of Schubert and Rachmaninoff at Maybeck Recital Hall on Sunday, March 24 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call 848-3228 for reservations.

'Woman'

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In preparation for the run at Black Repertory Group Theatre, Ridgeway drew on her practice readings of *Woman of Color* in cafes in and around Sacramento, where she lives. This frequent exposure made memorizing the script easier, so easy that she and Carroll decided to make *Woman of Color* into a one-act play. It is here the authors erred in deciding to use songs and Carroll's original poetry to help with the transitions in text.

Carroll's poetry is nice, as are the songs. Ridgeway has a good singing voice, but the "plopping" of a poem or a song in between unrelated text sequences detracts from the overall coherence of the production. Ridgeway is strongest when she is telling stories, singing in the church

choir, going to school, helping mom with her siblings, liking boys, finding out that babies are not found on a bed of lilies. She shows us how a "life can be lived with a little money and still be full."

Both young and old will enjoy it. A *Woman of Color*. Carroll and Ridgeway have quite a few stories to tell.

A *Woman of Color* is part of the Black Repertory Group Theatre's New Arts Series, which provides an opportunity for new artists to perform their work on stage before a live audience. After each performance the audience is invited to stay and engage the artists and writers in discussion.

At the Black Repertory Group Theatre, 3201 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA, Sunday, March 24, and March 31, 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5. For information call 652-2120.

'Mulatto'

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Timothy Lone's Fred Higgins, a picture of Georgian bigotry. Higgins tells the Colonel that he has too many blacks around, that the Colonel had gotten soft inside, that he was starting to treat his black folks like white people. The best way to cure that, according to Higgins, was to get a white woman. She'd straighten things out.

Mulatto, encapsulates the unique relationship between black and white parents and their biracial offspring. It is unfortunate that most of the issues raised in *Mulatto* are still apropos today. One need only look at the current California ballot initiatives or one of the many books on race to see that the issues Bert and his family grappled with are still prevalent.

Hughes' early poem, *Cross*, perhaps the idea behind the play:

My old man's a white old man
And my old mother's black.
If I ever cursed my white old man
I take my curses back.

If I ever cursed my black old mother
and wished she were in hell,
I'm sorry for that evil wish
and now I wish her well.

My old man died in a big fine house,
My ma died in a shack.
I wonder where I'm gonna die,
Being neither white nor black.

"*Mulatto*" is at the Black Repertory Group Theater, 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley through March 31. Shows are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, at 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m., Saturday matinee. Tickets are \$3-\$10. Call 652-2120 for information.

Soto

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"Wind," "Stars," "Sun," "Rain," "Harvest," "Fog and Daybreak," bringing the harshly beautiful landscape surrounding Chicano farm workers to life.

"The wind sprays pale dirt into my mouth
The small almost invisible scars
On my hands.
"The pores in my throat and elbows
Have taken in a seed of dirt on their own.
"After a day in the grapefields near Rolinda
A fine silt, washed by sweat,
Has settled into the lines
On my wrists and palms.
"Already I am becoming the valley,
A soil that sprouts nothing
For any of us."

Although many of Soto's poems capture the desperation and despair of those living a hand-to-mouth existence, there is also recognition of the strength derived from the family. Individual poems resound with references to Soto's brother, sister, mother, uncle, grandparents — especially the father who died when the poet was only 5.

Each of Soto's poetry collections contains at least one poem dedicated to the memory of the father who haunts him still. "Spirit," "Photo, 1957," "The Plum's Heart," "Another Time" — these and more hark back to the missing piece of Soto's family.

Many poems also allude to Carolyn, the neighbor girl who became Soto's wife, endured the early struggling years, and now from the relative comfort of their East Bay home, aids the poet as editor and business partner.

Wit and humor sparkle throughout many of Soto's works. His section "Home Course in Religion" contains poems which capture a second-grader's confusion about such esoteric mysteries as the Trinity and the Host.

A reader need not be Chicano or have worked the fields or lived in Fresno to appreciate and enjoy Soto's poetry. In "The Family in Spring," he exposes the Mexican-American boy/man who never quite feels that he fits in, not even now, with his own family. This sense of isolation, even from our roots and loved ones, is a universal quality that the poet expresses for all of us.

Gary Soto: *New and Selected Poems* (Chronicle Books, \$12.95)

Visiting postwar Sicily

Another beautiful film from the writer/director of 'Cinema Paradiso'

By Renata Polt

It's 1953, and whatever post-war economic miracle may have hit the rest of Europe has eluded Sicily, where bandits still roam the countryside, the Mafia controls the little money and power there is, and everybody, from the homosexual barber to the seamstress shunned for having slept with American soldiers, is burning to get out.

That's the setting of *The Star Maker*, the wonderful new film by writer-director Giuseppe Tornatore (*Cinema Paradiso*, *Everybody's Fine*).

Enter a merchant of shlocky dreams, Dr. Joe Morelli (Sergio Castellitto), a self-proclaimed talent scout for the movies. "We're here to offer you a fantastic future! Your lucky day is here!" Joe proclaims through the tinny loudspeaker of the truck he drives from village to village.

He'll send the screen tests to major producers and directors in Rome, he says. All it will cost the future stars is 1,500 lire.

Joe has no shortage of takers. An old sailor, a young shepherd, a policeman, a former professor who hasn't spoken since the war — all line up to be filmed "right profile, left profile, center profile," and to recite lines from *Gone with the Wind* that Morelli has given them to memorize.

Those who can't memorize — or can't read the text — improvise on their own lives, and the gallery of faces and stories that Tornatore spreads before us is rivaled only by the gallery of Sicilian landscapes — the desiccated towns straggling over hills, the rolling fields dotted with abandoned villages or ancient temples — that Dante Spinotti's camera captures.

The cinematography glows with warm earth tones and a mellow light unique to Sicily. Spinotti (*Last of the Mohicans*, *Beaches*, *Heat*, etc.) is a master whose skill is matched to that of Tornatore.

Of course, Dr. Joe Morelli is a fraud — he's not Joe (pronounced in two syllables, "Joe-eh"), not Morelli, and he sure isn't any doctor — and so



Tiziana Lodato in 'The Star Maker.'

are his "screen tests." But there's nothing simple or predictable about Joe, or whatever his name is.

Although he's disdainful of his subjects ("The people here are nuts! Nothing can save them!") and doesn't hesitate to milk them for whatever they're worth, he does possess a kind of integrity that keeps him from taking advantage of the most pitiful; He'll sleep with the mother who's eager to prostitute her adolescent daughter just to give her a chance at fame, but he won't sleep with the daughter.

The Star Maker ambles along at a leisurely (but never boring) pace, then suddenly picks up the tempo with the introduction of Beata (Tiziana Lodato), the beautiful orphan girl who changes Joe's life.

The press kit describes Beata as virginal and angelic, and if those words really described her, the film's conclusion would be kitsch. Like Joe, she's a more complex character than she seems: Though a virgin, she's far from virginal, if you get my drift.

The Star Maker is filled with memorable scenes, funny, moving, or both: Villagers in a cave wrapping a corpse, Joe plucking Beata's eyebrows with pliers, a couple picnicking in a bombed-out village, a Mafia funeral. It's a film in the great tradition of Italian neo-realist cinema, and a worthwhile addition to Tornatore's filmography.

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The formula regarding the success of a restaurant I have heard quoted most often is "location, location, location." While this certainly plays an important part, there is another ingredient that has also played an vital role in a restaurant's success — operations.

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—Virginia Woolf



Martin Shapp

The Night Shift: Ever wonder what goes on at night in downtown Oakland after the rest of us go home? Kathy Mount, who works in the Alameda County administration building, was getting ready to leave last Monday night when she looked out the window.

The best way to tell you what she saw is to repeat, word for word, the message she left on my voice mail:

"Hi, Martin. I'm standing at my window at work, looking out onto beautiful Oak Street. Two homeless guys just walked up onto the plaza that's out in front of the administration building, and they have this big, blue plastic bag with them.

"All of a sudden, one of them has just pulled out of the bag a black-and-white television set! Now he's setting it up on a granite slab. He's plugging it into something, I can't tell exactly what.

"Wait a second — they're plugging it into the county juke! There's a live electrical outlet next to the flagpole, and they've plugged it into that! "Oop! A third guy just joined them! Now they're all standing around, smoking cigarettes and having a good time watching TV! I'm telling you, this world is filled with enterprising people!"

Mobile Mallards: I'll bet you thought it was never going to happen, but spring is finally here.

The proof: Donald and Daisy have returned to Ehret Plumbing Supplies.

Donald and Daisy are two ducks who show up like clockwork every spring in the little creek that runs behind the store on Sixth Street in Berkeley. And just as regularly, they depart every fall for parts unknown.

"I have no idea where they've been all winter," says manager Cheryl Layton. "Palm Beach, maybe."

Speaking of world travelers, the globe-trotting teddy bears are due back any day now at St. Mary's Elementary School in Walnut Creek.

Last fall, the kids in Ms. Innocenti's first grade class and Ms. Hirsch's fifth-grade class presented more than 60 teddy bears to folks who were about to begin traveling. Each bear had a backpack filled with self-addressed postcards and a letter urging the recipient to mail a postcard from their destination and then pass the bear on to another traveler. (The fifth-graders helped the first-graders write their notes.)

The bears are due back home in May, but in the meantime the kids have received more than 120 postcards from all over the world, including China, Israel, Bulgaria, Japan and the Fiji Islands. They've even received cards from Bosnia, as well as one from an archaeologist on a dinosaur dig in Saudi Arabia.

They've also gotten Valentines, T-shirts, and snapshots of the bears sunbathing in Hawaii and partying aboard the QE II.

"They race to the mailbox every day to see what new cards have come in," says teacher Diana Innocenti. "And they're tracking the bears' progress on a huge map on the back wall of the classroom."

Great way to turn kids on to geography, huh? Now that the Oakland teachers' strike is finally over, here's a terrific low-cost idea they can borrow — with Innocenti's blessing.

Oh Bother! Speaking of bears, my apologies to John Bear of El Cerrito, the man who coauthored the book *Finding Money for College 1996*.

For some reason, I called him Edward Bear, not John. Too many Winnie the Pooh stories when I was a kid, I guess.

What can I say? I'm a bear of very little brain.

A Superhero With Bite: Move over Superman, make way for...Dr. Happy Tooth?

Yes, Berkeley dentist Thomas Arnold, who alleviates kids' fear of going to the dentist by donning a six-foot giant molar costume and carrying a 4-foot-long toothbrush and a 6-foot-long string of "floss" (actually, a white satin rope) is now the star of his very own comic book.

It's called "Dr. Happy Tooth Gets Down in the Mouth!" The plot has our hero coming to the rescue of a kid named "Chomper" who has been putting off his dental appointment out of sheer terror.

Needless to say, all comes out right in the end, and there's even a moral: "Remember kids," says our hero, "every dentist has a little bit of Dr. Happy Tooth in him, so you never have to be afraid."

Shark Sighting: Guess who's coming to Cody's Books? Attorney Robert Shapiro, late of O.J. Simpson's legal Dream Team. He'll be there next Wednesday evening to autograph copies of his new book, *The Search for Justice*. (Supply your own joke here.)

Meanwhile, guess who's having a birthday tomorrow? Joseph Charles, the beloved Berkeley Waving Man. It'll be his 86th, so remember to give him a friendly wig-wag when you drive by his house at the corner of Oregon and Martin Luther King tomorrow morning.

Happy birthday, Mr. Charles. And, of course, keep smiling and have a GOOD day.

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Zoning

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1920s. He believes the city is "losing its identity" and that imposing further regulations would hurt the community's businesses.

He asked the council to "take a little more time" to weigh all the potential consequences of the change. Kiefer is also a third generation store. He believes the process for establishing or renovating a business is already long enough.

"I wouldn't wish it on anybody," he said. Kiefer did say, later, however, that his own difficulties in making a renovation took place 10 years ago.

Kiefer is particularly worried about the delays potential tenants might face if they must go through a more complex approval process as a result of the zoning change.

Four council members, however, maintained that the community wants more control over the kinds of businesses coming into El Cerrito.

Councilmember Norman La Force described the pur-

pose of the change as allowing for "more control over commercial uses that want to come into this city, for example, if a retail use was going to convert to a theatre.

"This is responsive to the community," he said. "People wanted better control ... over what those changes would be.

"It's no different than what we do with residents," La Force said.

Ritz agreed that "this will give us more choice" and will "give the community a chance to give input."

Ritz said she did not want to make things more difficult for businesses but noted that public input is sometimes helpful to potential business owners.

"Sometimes it may change your thinking," she said. "It is not our intention to be obstructionist (but) to use this additional tool to work with the business community and other residents of El Cerrito," said Councilmember Norma Jellison.

"To me, we're just asking commercial properties to

come under the same guidelines as we do in residential areas," said council member Jane Bartke. "The city always wanted input in El Cerrito. To me, this is just another vehicle (to allow for) public input."

Bartke said she remembered seeing things change in the city and asking the government officials, "How do you allow that to happen?"

"The answer was, 'We had no say in the matter.' This gives us a voice."

"I think this is a voice to say no...," responded Jellison. "I think it's different from zoning and use in residential areas."

"Rather than ... dreaming about what we want in town, we should listen to the business people who know more than we do about what works."

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce has no statement from its executive board expressing concern about the ramifications over the zoning change. The board for the City Council to delay its consideration of the

Assembly

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Running for the seat are Aroner, Bates's chief of his staff; former Albany Mayor Robert Cheasty; Friedman, chief of staff to Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan; Contra Costa County Supervisor and attorney Jim Rogers, known for his late-night television ads as "The People's Lawyer"; and Berkeley City Councilwoman Carla Woodworth.

Yes, all five candidates say they like their chances. The trick for each candidate is to show voters why they should vote for them.

That's not as easy as it sounds when you consider all are basically progressive Democrats who generally say the same things: "Three strikes" is misguided, less money for prisons and more for schools, protect state environmental laws and affirmative action, do battle with right-wing Republicans.

What distinguishes the candidates will not be so much differences of opinion, but differences in experience, style and focus.

Aroner boasts of her 20 years experience working in Sacramento and her connection to the popular Bates. Cheasty, who's campaign pieces feature smiling pictures of him and his children, pushes the need to revitalize public education. Friedman promotes his image as a consensus builder drawing support from both business and environmentalists. The two candidates with the most electoral experience, Rogers and Woodworth, say they have track records of getting things done.

What will truly differentiate the candidates and the

campaigns is money.

Through Feb. 10 the five campaigns raised a combined total of \$758,697. Woodworth has raised the least, around \$98,000, and Cheasty has raised the most, \$277,561. Bates spent only about \$50,000 to win reelection in 1994.

The next financial reporting deadline is March 15. It's possible that by then combined campaign tallies may hover near \$1 million.

Because they have limited name recognition, the five candidates must spend a lot of money to get their messages out (mostly through the mail) and tell voters who they are. They're also likely to spend money telling voters which political celebrities support them (e.g. Bates endorses Aroner; U.S. Rep. George Miller endorses Cheasty).

It may come as a relief to some readers that the campaigns say they won't be spending much time or money telling voters how rotten the others are. The conventional wisdom says that negative campaigning doesn't work in a crowded race.

"The problem is that if, for example, Aroner goes negative on Friedman his votes won't necessarily go to her, but to one of the others," said Dave Davis, a campaign adviser to Cheasty. "Tactically, it's very difficult to pull off, and financially it's not the best use of resources. In a large race, clearly it's best to go positive."

Still, the campaigns must worry about their positive literature, smiling faces and all, ending up in the trash can with the junk mail.

"Everyone's going to have to be competitive in the

mail game," said Judith Barish, campaign coordinator for Mark Friedman, "but frequent voters are being deluged by campaign mail."

The mailing blitz has already started. Last week the wild-card in the race because of his persistence mailed three slick campaign pieces, three weeks later. Cheasty also mailed a campaign brochure featuring a picture of him and his son.

Not only do the candidates have to contend with the fact that few voters know who they are, they must wrestle with the fact that many voters don't know an upcoming election. The campaigns all say the phone-banking shows that voters have yet to absorb the California primary, previously held in June, last March.

That likely means voter turnout, usually low in primaries, will be even lower. It also has the campaign planning that at the very least they must make sure that people make it out to the polls on election day.

With all its variables — a crowded race of candidates with poor name recognition, low voter turnout, the unknown power of money and endorsements — this race would present a challenge to even the most experienced Las Vegas handicapper. And, as in Vegas, the candidates in this campaign are scratching their heads wondering how to beat the odds.

When asked what was going to be the primary influencing voters come election day, another campaign insider said half-jokingly, "The weather."

Redevelopment

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study is only a preliminary way to "see if redevelopment makes sense, to provide a higher comfort level before going ahead." He said the plan is geared to public input from the beginning. Meetings with affected businesses, property owners, landlords and residents will be held to involve the community in the planning process, he said.

"I'm not trying to stop progress," Nakamura said. "But we want to have an active role in planning."

"Your input is important if not decisive," Mayor Mike Brodsky told Nakamura. "We will get together to

discuss this. Everyone will be involved."

"We intend to proceed cautiously in the community visioning process. We're very serious about moving forward to create a more livable and economically prosperous city," the mayor said.

In answer to the suggestion that government should stay out of business' way, Mayor Brodsky said, "I don't buy the proposition that government shouldn't take a proactive role in economic development."

"Nobody is talking about forcing any auto businesses to move. It's taken four years to get to the point where we can do something. Are we going to continue

Wildcat

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to explore funding sources to finance the solutions.

Whatever the options, whether "sinking pilings 46 feet deep that will last 100 years," converting to narrower roads or repairing a smaller section than first recommended, "we're hoping these first steps will be taken fairly quickly," he said, adding that "hard choices" will have to be made after any new consultant's report is received.

It's not the first time residents of the area have faced serious slide problems. It's also not the first time the El Cerrito City Council has been approached for help. Resident Kay Starkweather is among those neighbors who have files of information on the history of the slide area.

She said a major slide occurred on the same properties in 1963 and pointed to a newspaper article from 1982 concerning a plea by Wildcat Drive residents for the city council's help. A petition was submitted requesting "prompt action to prevent further slide damage," she said.

In that incident, one home was completely lost, along with the end of the road, she said; the road repairs were made with FEMA monies.

According to Starkweather, the underground sewer had also "been destroyed" by weather conditions that winter and became the top financial priority. The general problem had not been addressed, she said.

Resident Elan Caspi presented a letter to the council with signatures; he said they came from "all the home owners" and some of the owners of vacant lots. (Several were in the

audience at the March 18 meeting, to express their support, whether verbally or not.)

Caspi outlined four steps he said residents would like to see the city undertake as soon as possible:

- To undertake critical repairs that would afford a reasonable measure of protection before the next rainy season;
- To explore county, state and federal funding opportunities, with a staff report coming back to the council in 30 days;
- To authorize an extended study by Hallenbeck & Associates, one that would identify "other and less costly solutions."

• And to determine during the current fiscal year a long-term plan for the "stabilization of Wildcat Drive."

Caspi also briefly addressed the decline in property values he believes has come about because of the slide. Certain properties on the street "can't be sold for any price," he said, because of the current state of the road. He questioned whether the city might "be held liable for the decimation of our property values."

At any rate, Caspi strongly believes that "the city should address this problem."

"There is no time for the luxury of dragging this thing out for years and years," he said.

What the city council can or will do remains to be seen. El Cerrito's entire annual street resurfacing program is allocated about \$280,000 a year. Full repair of the slide condition, about 25 feet below the surface, according to the report, is estimated at about \$.75 million.

Barber

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fifty without."

"Tony Cortese - he was an aspiring singer - sang duets with me when I cut his hair," Giovanni remembers. And sometimes when discussions became heated with everybody talking loud I would start singing and bring them to order, cool them off for an hour or so."

Music came naturally to Giovanni who was born into a musical family in Naro, Sicily, in 1940. His father was a professional bassist, his uncles played drums and french horn, one brother played clarinet, another played trumpet, and so on with enough musicians to make up a band.

"I have taken lessons on the piano, the clarinet, and the drums," Giovanni laughs, "but every time I started something happened to the teacher, so now I just sing." He sings Italian songs as well as the pop tunes of icons, Tony Bennett, Perry Como and Frank Sinatra.

But life was not easy during World War II and afterward for the family of 10. "We stood in line for hours for water, bread, everything," Giovanni recalls.

When he was 10-years-old he got part-time work — five hours on week days and eight on Saturday — in a barber shop sweeping up and soaping customers for shaves. He was so short he had to stand on a stool to reach them.

By the time he was 15, Giovanni was shaving customers and cutting hair. "But there was no industry there, nothing, and we knew we had to go to survive," he says.

And so Giovanni moved to Caracas, Venezuela, where his trumpet-playing brother had opened a barber shop. Giovanni worked for him until he went back to Italy to form a touring band.

At 17, Giovanni took over the two-chair shop and ran it until 1962 when he immigrated to this country. "Business was good there," he says. "It was a wealthy country with oil money, but the United States is the ultimate place of opportunity for anybody from a foreign country."

Giovanni couldn't speak English and didn't have a barber's license, so he was unable to work in a barber shop. But he could work at the Oakland Army Base because they didn't require a license. He remembers his first day on the job this way:

"I did 32 haircuts and I thought I was dead. But they told me, 'Sorry, you're too slow,' and they were going to fire me. But I had a friend who told them, 'Give this paesano a chance,' so they did. Three and a half months later I did 143 haircuts in 10 hours, and I averaged 100 cuts a day."

Within six months Giovanni had his barber's license and was ready to move on. "They said to me, 'Don't leave, you are our fastest barber,'" Giovanni recalls. But he had tired of cutting service men's hair short and fast for 52 cents a head, and got a job at the old Berkeley Varsity Barber Shop at Telegraph Avenue and Bancroft Way.

This was a 10-chair shop where the young barber had a chance to do "more European style haircuts, razor cutting, and blow drying." But soon the Free Speech Movement with its demonstrations and riots was spilling over from the University of California and changing Telegraph Avenue forever.

"In 1964 there were 714 people busted right in front of us," Giovanni remembers. "Worse yet for business, long, unkempt hair was in, and handsomely coiffured hair was not."

Giovanni read the hand writing — which was literally on the walls — and headed for Albany where a saner and somewhat older populace still required the services of a barber.

The burgeoning entrepreneur took over Pete Pecoraro's two-chair Solano Avenue shop which had been there for 25 years. He economized by living in back, but for the first six months business was so slow he considered moving to southern California where his fluency in Spanish might be of use.

And then business picked up and parents began bring-

ing their children to the friendly barber who sang a song or a joke. Giovanni feels so many barbers have closed — as did the Varsity — and so many barbers in trade, that he benefited from the reduced competition.

By 1968 Giovanni had become a citizen and joined by his clarinet-playing brother, Salvatore, a tailor who previously lived in Albany and now resides in El Cerrito.

Giovanni also earned his cosmetologist's license in 1968 and began doing more hair styling and working women's perms and coloring. By the '70s the shop had expanded to four chairs and became a unisex salon.

"We had our biggest growing pains ever in 1974," Giovanni recalls. He opened a 10-chair shop in the three-chair shop in Berkeley, and a beauty supply next door on Solano Avenue.

"I had four shops and 26 people working for me," says. "Cutting hair and managing the business was working 65 to 75 hours a week. This could not have been done without my wife, Kristina, who did all the bookkeeping and raised our three daughters."

In 1988 Giovanni acquired a six-chair shop in Danville, but the long hours and increasing problems with his hands led him to closing the beauty supply and selling the businesses in Pinole and Berkeley.

"Now I hate to leave my old customers and the people who have worked hard for me," Giovanni says. "But it is still a great town with a great police force and many opportunities. I have had a lot of fun here and have many memories."

While continuing to operate the unisex shop in Danville, Giovanni dreams of getting back to the ways of barbering. "I think there may be room for a men only shop," he says. "No matter what I do, I miss plain cut, hair style, I miss most of all the old barber shop where I cut hair and sang all day long."

St. Mary's coach visualizes North Coast

By John Gardella

Not many high school baseball teams have the opportunity to improve on a 22-6 season, especially when that team loses its top pitcher and its top hitter. But St. Mary's coach Bob Cruz thinks this year's team has the talent and mettle to go further than last year's squad, which advanced to the North Coast Section semifinals before bowing out to Castro Valley.

The record, the best ever by a St. Mary's Baseball team, was bolstered by the team's dominance in league play. St. Mary's finished the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic

League regular season with an 11-1 mark, its only blemish a season-opening loss to St. Joseph. However, SM lost to eventual league champ Encinal in the playoffs.

From that team, the Panthers lose ace pitcher Josh Eveland, and pitcher/first baseman Mike Sanders. The former, a perfect 11-0 as a senior at SM, now pitches for Contra Costa Community College. Sanders, SM's cleanup hitter, is playing for the University of California at Davis.

But the players SM (5-2-1) has brought up from junior varsity, combined with the returning starters, makes for quite an intriguing team,

thinks Cruz.

SM opens league play with a home game tomorrow against Alameda, and the early part of the schedule will determine whether the Panthers dominate the ACCAL again.

"We have a good core of kids returning," the coach said. "And we've brought up some kids from last year's junior varsity team which have a lot of potential. We have talent and returnees at most of the key positions. The potential is there for a very good team. As always, our success will depend on our pitching and defense."

Even though the Panthers lose

Eveland, Cruz believes the team's top three pitchers—all righties—have the talent to make people forget about last season's mainstay. SM's No. 1 pitcher this season is James Murphy (2-1 in preseason). Junior David Sophus is next. Friday, against rival El Cerrito, Sophus pitched six and one-third innings, striking out ten. The newcomer is Derrick Phillips. The 6-foot-2 junior has been near perfect this year, compiling a 2-0 record. St. Mary's closer is another righty, junior Orion Pelletier-Dow.

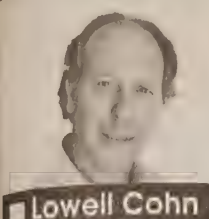
"We expect Orion to be bale to go every game," Cruz said. "he's an

Eckersley-type pitcher, very effective."

If Cruz expects Murphy to replace Eveland as the team's ace, then Sanders' baton is being handed over to catcher Mark David Riddle. The senior, a two-time all-league selection, will bat third. Last season, Riddle batted .421 overall, and raised it to .438 in ACCAL play.

Protecting Riddle in the lineup will be rightfielder Miles Richardson. The senior power hitter smacked five homers last year

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Lowell Cohn

Hac Man finds redemption

PHOENIX — Give credit to the Oakland Athletics for resurrecting one of the most interesting careers in Bay Area baseball. I'm talking about former Giant Jeffrey Leonard, the Hac Man, Penitentiary Face.

Leonard used to be the scariest man in the major leagues, mostly because he looked scary and sometimes refused to talk to the media, not because he ever crushed an opponent's head in his bare hands. Reporters came to fear him as did some of his teammates, and when his career ended in 1990 he never could get back into the big leagues. He couldn't bear to read the newspapers or watch ESPN, and he barely talked to former teammates. To this day he wonders if he was blackballed.

That's all behind him now because, as you will hear, his life has changed. In the first place, he's back in baseball. He's down here at the A's minor-league camp teaching the nuances of outfield play. He often laughs as he goes about his business because he's a happy man. It's important to be wanted again, to be reclaimed, to be included. There are other changes. He's remarried, to former Olympic hurdler Leslie Maxie. He has a little daughter, and, as he is eager to tell you, he's been saved, found God, is born again.

This is almost too much information to take in about a guy who used to seem like a hard man, a bad dude — he never was, but that's another story. So anyway, let's be orderly and systematic about this. One thing at a time. When his playing career ended Leonard became a little league coach in Foster City. This he took seriously, no kidding. He had a winning record for five years, going undefeated last season, and the whole time he told himself, "I will do Little League and I will do it well."

He was aware that some of his contemporaries already were becoming coaches in pro ball, while he was teaching little kids to catch their first pop up and bend down properly on grounders. He accepted his situation.

"Can you imagine the parents looking at me, Penitentiary Face?" he said. "They were probably thinking, 'I wonder how he'll be with my child.'" He chuckled as he said this. We were in a restaurant and he was neatly cutting the meat off a slab of ribs. "I softened the hearts of the parents," he said. "I had doubts even in Little League. The truth is, I was always kind and I was always patient."

Then last January Leonard got a call from Dave Stewart, who years ago had been his roommate in the Dodgers minor-league system. The two had remained close friends.



Special assistant Dave Stewart, manager Art Howe and bullpen coach Brad Fischer talk after a game while the team runs wind sprints.

Lure of spring training can't dispel all the pain

By Elaine Merrill
Special to The Voice

I have a folder in my drawer marked "Black August." It holds clippings dating from August 1994, the month smoldering labor troubles in major league baseball burst into flames as owners refused to compromise and players announced they would walk out Aug. 12 rather than play without a contract. I started the file as part of my resolve to turn my back on professional baseball, disgusted with greed and arrogance on both sides. My resolve seemed only to strengthen as the strike wore on into the fall and through a long, wet winter.

So no one was more surprised than I to find myself in Arizona a couple of weeks ago pushing at a turnstile, shyly asking the game once again, "Mind if I sit in the stands?"

And this after the strike caused the cancellation of the 1994 World Series, the first time the fall classic had been called off in 90 years. Then Spring Training 1995 had opened with replace-

ment players who seemed for the most part to be 40-something minor leaguers and unemployed truck drivers. Baseball's traditional fest of rebirth, played on green grass under sunny skies, that refuge from winter to which young and old had been turning for years, had become a travesty. By the time all the involved parties noticed their wallets were getting flat and reported back to work in late March, fans like me were badly disenchanted.

In 1995, a shortened but relatively normal season was played and a fairly exciting World Series ensued. Even though a new contract was never drawn up, off season transactions did take place and the game responded to fan outrage by pretending all had returned to normal. Along came 1996, and a full slate of spring training games was scheduled in Florida and Arizona.

For many years I had gone with my two sons to Phoenix to watch the Oakland Athletics. We stayed home last year, swearing we would never

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Young Berkeley tennis faces defending champ

Berkeley meets Monte Vista, Thursday, 3:30 King Court

By Peter Mentor

Nothing like jumping right into the fire. Berkeley High starts out the Bay Valley Athletic League boys' tennis season against defending league champion Monte Vista today at the King Junior High courts in Berkeley.

Last year the Yellowjackets went 9-3 overall, 7-3 in the BVAL. They finished second to the undefeated Mustangs, losing both home and away matches to Monte Vista.

Berkeley and De La Salle split matches during the season and had the same league record. The Jackets won the second meeting by a larger margin than the first meeting, dropping the Spartans into third place.

This season Berkeley returns five of its top six singles players, but the program is under its third head coach in as many years.

Carl Jones (who is still associated with the program) was replaced last season by Frantz Glasz, who left an opening for the job this season.

Taking the team over is coach John Armstrong, a native of Idaho who heard about the job from former Berkeley girls' tennis coach Corey Winn.

Armstrong played at Santa Rosa Junior College for two years and taught at a country club in that area for the same amount of time. He is now studying English at San Francisco State.

The new coach knows Berkeley is no country club, even when it comes to tennis. He is enjoying it so far, especially with the returning players from last year.

"It's a lot of fun," said Armstrong. "We have a young team. We can look forward to the next few years."* Actually, he can look forward to this year. The top three singles players are back, although not in the same order as last year.

Peter Kaes and Alex Kopel made a big splash as freshman in the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots last season. Both are in their second season at 16-under tournament tennis and as sophomores they should be even better for Berkeley this year.

The two players came up through the ranks of the Pro-Kennex League, which former Berkeley coach Carl Jones helps run. The pair was "kicked out" of the developmental league because they were too good. In fact, two years ago they met in the finals of the upper division of the league.

Now, as teammates, they are competing for the No. 1 singles spot at Berkeley.

Kopel held that top position last year, where he finished at 9-3 overall, mirroring Berkeley's record. He was ranked No. 2 in the BVAL singles tournament, but was upset by No. 3 ranked Chris Arns, the top player at De La Salle.

Kaes is the new No. 1 at Berkeley. He moved into the top spot after beating Kopel in their challenge matches this season. Last year Kaes won his first-round BVAL tournament match, but lost to the eventual league champion, a foreign exchange student from Liberty High.

Kopel and Kaes are friends, but they are two very different players. Kaes is a power player with an intense inner core. Kopel is more laid back.

Kaes talks to himself on the court for motivation. He doesn't have patience with his own mistakes, but he doesn't make many either. His best asset is the ability to stay in the point, returning just about everything that comes his way.* Kopel likes to hit hard shots and has a big forehand, but he also uses top spin to finesse his shots.

"I hit the ball harder and more often for winners," said Kopel, comparing his game to Kaes. "Peter is the kind of player who hits everything back."

Local grad at women's baseball camp

Former Albany and Berkeley High volleyball and basketball star Tammy Holmes is one of 12 new players who will attend the 1996 Colorado Silver Bullets women's baseball team spring training camp in April at the City of Palms Park in Fort Myers, Fla.

Holmes is a four-time high school All-League honoree and MVP in both basketball and volleyball. Holmes attended Albany High from 1988 to 1990 and served as the leading scorer on her basketball team, averaging 20 points a game.

In 1990, Holmes transferred to Berkeley and continued her dominance on both the basketball and volleyball court.

In 1992, the small forward and guard led her basketball team to the state championships, earning All-America and MVP honors for the fourth time in four years. She led the volleyball team in kills to cap off an impressive high school career.

Holmes, a volleyball player at Cal, attended the December 1995 Los Angeles tryout despite little

baseball or softball experience. "I've always wanted to play baseball," said Holmes. "But my plans always included volleyball."

When I heard about the tryout, I just wanted to give it a shot. And I'm glad I did."

Bruce Crabbe, infield coach and director of player development for the Silver Bullets, is also happy Holmes tried out. "From what we saw at the Los Angeles tryout, she looks like a very good athlete," said Crabbe. "She looked good in the outfield and she can switch-hit."

Tammy looks very strong on both sides of the plate and runs very well. She has a lot of potential."

Holmes sees herself as an asset to the Silver Bullets team. "I am very versatile, so I can add some punch in each area," said the 5-10 Holmes. "I can pitch, play the outfield, or any position on the field."

Holmes will be among 38 players attending spring training. Twenty-four players will be selected for the 1996 team that will tour the U.S., playing all-male semi-professional, military, and collegiate all-star teams.



Tammy Holmes

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Cal, Stanford meet Saturday

By John Gardella

When the preseason baseball polls came out, Baseball America had five of the Six-Pac teams ranked in the top 13, with Stanford at No. 2 and Cal at No. 5. Collegiate Baseball had all six teams in its top 37.

Cal (16-13, 4-5 Pac-10) and Stanford (14-11, 3-6 Pac-10) meet Saturday for the first of three games. The first and third game will be played at Cal, with Stanford hosting the middle contest. Cal has dropped out of the Top 25 in both polls, and the Cardinal is hanging in at No. 17 in Baseball America. Southern California, meanwhile, has jumped to the No. 3 spot in both polls by virtue of its 8-1 league record. UCLA is at No. 10, while Arizona State is at No. 16.

But, according to Cardinal coach Mark Marquess, he wouldn't be surprised if, by the end of the regular season, only one Pac-10 school was ranked in the top 10.

"This is easily the best conference in the country," Stanford's long-time coach said. "It's so tough to evaluate how good teams in this league are, because they beat each other up. It's the strongest the league has been, top-to-bottom, in the last 15 years."

Cal coach Bob Milano agrees: "It's hard to convince people in other parts of the country just how strong this league is. They see records which may not be as good as other teams in other conferences. But the competition in this league is intense. Any one team can be swept by another."

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and hit .390 overall. "Mark and Miles are our keys offensively," Cruz said. "I don't think we have the punch to score 15 runs a game, but those two will produce."

In his seven years as coach at SM, Cruz's teams have always been known for defense. This year is no different. And when you talk about Panthers' defense you must begin in the outfield.

Joining Richardson is Brian Grace in left and Tony Para in center. According to Cruz, Grace and Para are probably the fastest players at their position in the ACCAL.

"The coaching staff feels our outfield, all three players, are all-league," Cruz said. "The outfield's the strongest part of our defense, but the infield has no slouches either. If you hit to us, we'll catch it."

He's not kidding. In the team's first eight games, only four errors have been committed by infielders.

Up the middle, SM will have some senior leadership, while the corners will be manned by first-year varsity players.

So, while any Cal-Stanford rivalry, whether it be in baseball or in badminton, is big, both coaches agree every Pac-10 series, at least this year, is equally important.

"This is big," Marquess said the three-game set. "But you have to play well against every team every weekend."

Milano and Marquess have to look no further than their own teams' up-and-down play thus far for evidence of just how strong the Pac-10 is this season.

Cal, at 4-5, is currently in third place in the Six-Pac, behind USC (8-1) and UCLA (6-3). But going into last weekend's series at Arizona, the Bears were mired in last place, a result of injuries and inconsistent play. They had been swept in Los Angeles by UCLA in their season opener. It was the first time in ten years UCLA had swept Cal in a baseball series. Cal had managed their first league win the following weekend, salvaging the last game of a three-game set against Arizona State.

They went to Tucson to face a much improved Arizona team. Jerry Kindall's squad was 18-11, 3-3 in league play, having beaten USC once and taking two-of-three from UCLA.

To increase the odds against Cal, star pitcher Ryan Drese would be missing his third straight series with a muscle spasm in his throwing arm.

Call it the Desert Massacre. Cal recording 36 runs and 52 hits in sweeping the Wildcats, leapfrogging three teams to land third.

Short belongs to Dan Gerbacio. His double-play partner is Mathew Brown. Another senior, Eugene Brown, will back them up. Sophs James Cullen at first, and Max Slenderbuck at third, round out the infield. The latter led the junior varsity in hitting last season with a .400 average.

"We have a great chance to be as good or better than last year," Cruz, in his seventh year as SM's baseball coach, said. "A lot of it will depend on how the sophomores do. But if the preseason is any indication, they'll do very well."

After the opener, the Panthers face St. Joe, Bishop O'Dowd, and El Cerrito in succession. Those are the three teams, along with Encinal, Cruz believes will vie with SM for first place.

"We'll know very early on how well we will fare in this league," Cruz said.

Last season, the Bears lost four of six games to Stanford. Cal's all-time record versus its Bay Area rival is 197-185. "What happened in the past, even last year, doesn't mean a thing; especially this season," said Milano.

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go again. But something funny happened not long after Christmas. Days were short, sun was rare, and I got a spring training schedule in the mail. So on March 1 around noon, there I was in the Phoenix airport with my boys — who since the first year we made the trip have grown into young men — grinding my teeth because there was a delay in getting a rental car. We were going to miss the first pitch of the A's opener, scheduled for 1:05 p.m. at the California Angels' spring park in Tempe.

At 1 p.m. we were walking up the concrete ramp into Tempe Diablo Stadium, a cozy sand-colored concrete ballpark built into a hillside topped with rocks ramparts. We heard the tiny strains of a recorded "Stars Spangled Banner" floating on the warm, clear air. Then we heard another sound, an oddly repetitive "whack-chink, whack-chink, whack-chink." I looked at the happy gleam in my older son's eyes and realized we both were awash with emotion. "They're hitting," he said. There was a batting cage almost directly under the ramp, and what we were hearing was hard wood hitting horsehide,

and horsehide slamming into chain link. Whack-chink.

The park was less than half full. The A's lost to the Angels, 4-3. Their star slugger Mark McGwire, who has since gone down until at least July with a foot injury, was already sitting out due to a touchy back. Veteran catcher Terry Steinbach took only two turns at the plate. The team's other big names from last year — Rickey Henderson, Todd Stottlemyre, Danny Tartabull, Dennis Eckersley — weren't even there. They were traded over the winter, part of a massive retooling by new franchise owners Steve Schott and Ken Hofmann that involved bringing in veteran minor leaguers, giving some untried kids a chance, and, not coincidentally, drastically cutting the payroll.

But on March 1, the grass was green and the sky was Technicolor blue. Burly guys carrying frosty buckets shouted "cold beer here," and children stood by the railings with baseballs and pens extended, waiting for their heroes' autographs. New A's manager Art Howe beamed from the dugout at his team like some benevolent uncle.

After the game, during which

my boys and I even cheered now and then, we drove north a few miles to Phoenix to our motel. As we pulled into the parking lot of the 50s-vintage place we've always stayed, I felt a lump in my throat at being back for the 11th time in 12 years.

The motel is on East Van Buren Street, a busy, shabby thoroughfare that has only gotten busier and shabbier through the years. The street's only attraction is that it's the address of Phoenix Municipal Stadium, the springtime home of the A's.

Our family tradition has been to stay in Phoenix three days, seeing a contest every day. We use the motel mainly as a place to sleep and to splash in a tiny, kidney-shaped pool. We eat in the coffee shop, where truckers stop in early and get called "honey" by the waitresses. This year it seemed as welcoming as ever, an oasis along a gritty strip of empty lots and abandoned storefronts. Sort of the way the three games we attended felt like a homecoming, despite being part of a sport that shows signs of being poorly tended by those in charge.

We went away from our long weekend with sunburns, and with

the feeling that there is still something healthy and renewing about spring baseball. It is hope that this intangible magic felt comes from more than the game's last gasp. For the people who give it emotion — it needs not only to survive forces of greed and arrogance to edge them out with something more meaningful.

Baseball in America is a tradition, especially for those who grow up playing it and watching it. The keepers of the game to be reminded that their duty is to honor that tradition and to care for it for its real owners, the people who buy the tickets.

The labor dispute was still in the works. The cancellation of the series was strike two. By next play, the game has fouled off pitches and stayed alive.

But when a professional ball game on a beautiful spring day in Arizona can't put more than a few people in the seats, then strike is still a real possibility. I hope guys with the bat aren't looking for a walk. If they fail to agree soon, the fans are taking them to it.

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Alderson said.) The interview lasted three hours, and the A's were impressed with Leonard's knowledge of baseball, his attitude, his enthusiasm. So they hired him and when the season starts, he'll be a coach at Modesto.

"I dealt with the fact that I might not ever be back in professional baseball," Leonard told me. "That's what makes this opportunity such a blessing. Usually people go from the minor leagues to the majors. I paid my dues just getting to the minors. I now can say I'm a professional."

His voice was proud. He took a sip of ginger ale. He began speaking about himself in the third person, as if talking about someone else. "He couldn't get a

job, then the job he gets is with the tenderloin, molding the youth. That in itself is proof how the Hac Man changed. He goes to the A's, who've been good discerners of character. Is that deep? That's the manifestation of change in his life. Every stinking day I'm grateful."

I changed the subject to Leonard's spiritual life. In his hotel room, he had shown me one drawer in his dresser devoted entirely to his Bibles, five in all. He also had a tiny computer, about the size of a hand-held video game, which contained the entire text of the Bible. He had given me his card: Minister Jeffrey Leonard, Berean Christian Fellowship, 616 Divisadero, San Francisco, Bishop James Adams.

This change in Leonard, this

answering the call of God, was as astonishing as if the Earth had flipped on its axis or the seas had sailed into space. He used to make fun of the God Squad, Allee Hammaker and Gary Lavelle, thinking their faith made them soft. And now he was one of them, although he says in baseball he still goes "for the throat." Each night in his hotel room he begins reading Scripture at 8:30, knowing that his wife, "his praying partner," is back in San Ramon reading the same text.

I asked how often he preaches. "I'm preaching right now," he told me, and he began talking about heaven. I said I did not much think about heaven and hell, and his face became sad. He raised the possibility of my burning for eternity. Imagine that, the Hac Man worrying

about my soul. "Hey, Hac," I said. "What would you have done in 1981? I said 15 years later you'd be sitting in a restaurant trying to save my soul?"

His eyes sparkled. He giggled. He slapped the table. "I would have come out," he said. "I would have laughed at you."

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Q: So we're wondering if it might not make sense to take the plunge now.

A: Is it OK to buy with less than 20 percent down? Does it make a difference to the sellers? What does it mean for our own financial picture?

A: You should certainly talk over your financial situation with a good accountant or tax adviser before making your purchase.

That having been said, it seems to us that buying now, all other things being equal, might indeed make sense.

Let's look at the big picture first. The housing market does seem to be getting off to a strong start this year.

If this turns out to mean that a substantial number of people who have been thinking of selling, but holding off (which the yearly sales data suggest may well be the case) decide to sell this year, then that

will be very good for buyers, because it will mean that a larger number of really nice, desirable properties will be available to buy.

When the market is down, people who like their houses tend to stay put and the pool of houses for sale contains a higher percentage of houses offered by people who don't like living in them.

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So you might find more to choose from this year. Also, interest rates are low. Getting a good fixed rate loan now will stand you in good stead as time goes on.

Now, let's think about your situation. What about your question regarding the amount of your down payment? One of the reasons people aspire to put 20 percent down is to avoid purchasing private mortgage insurance (PMI) that lenders require and which increases the interest rate by about a half-percent.

But there are plenty of good loan programs offering loans of greater than 80 percent, and we're aware of lenders which offer larger loans without impelling you to

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Assuming you are qualified to borrow the greater amount, what does borrowing it do to your financial picture?

It seems likely that the costs of owning your new home, known in the trade as the PITI (principle, interest taxes, insurance)—it's a PITI you have to pay so much—will be greater than the rent you now pay. But the rent you now pay is basically money down the drain.

It pays for a place for you to live for the month in which you pay it and that's it. The next month you either pay again or move. And when you calculate your income taxes for the year, you pay taxes on the money you paid out in rent.

On the other hand, the two largest elements in your PITI, the interest on your loan and your property taxes, can be deducted from your income before your taxes are calculated.

Thus, you get a rebate on this

amount, in the sense that you don't have to pay taxes on that money.

It's possible that when you deduct this rebate from the total amount paid, your PITI may not be much greater than your rent.

Most people are willing to pay more for their combined PITI, even after the tax calculation, than they are willing to pay for rent, because of the other benefits of owning a home.

Probably the most frequently discussed element of these additional benefits is the increase in the value of the home which comes about during the heretofore fairly regular periods of general inflation. In such periods the price of everything goes up.

Since you've only invested a portion of the value of your home in the buying of it, the rate of return on your investment is much higher than the rate of inflation, because the value of the home increases by a percentage of its previous total value, while your investment and your loan remain the same.

Another benefit of home ownership is the possibility of making improvements which contribute to the quality of your life and possi-

bly to the value of the property.

There are also the ability to develop relationships with one's neighbors on a potentially more permanent basis, the opportunity to engage in the local political process from a more grounded, specific, perspective, and the pride and sense of identity and well-being which result from owning a home.

So the first thing to do is to talk it over and consult a tax adviser.

Next, check out your situation with several lenders. Different lenders have different programs so it pays to talk to three or four.

Next, or at the same time, find yourselves a real estate agent by talking to friends, going to open houses, dropping in to offices. The agent can probably recommend some more lenders to speak to if you haven't already found a loan you like.

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- 1412 8TH ST.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$149,000.....MELISSA LYCKBERG
- 1504 CARLETON #B.....BERKELEY.....1BR/1BA.....\$129,000.....
- 263 STANFORD.....KENSINGTON.....3BR/1.5BA.....\$279,000.....JANE ISHIBASHI
- 6650 ARMOUR.....MONTCLAIR.....3BR/2BA.....\$259,000.....MAHMOOD MOKTARI
- 541 MANDANA.....OAKLAND.....3BR/1.5BA.....\$259,000.....DAVE MOSS
- 3521 WILSON.....OAKLAND.....2BR/1BA.....\$162,000.....LINDA GOLDMAN

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

- CLASSIC ELMWOOD BROWN SHINGLE.....\$525,000
Spacious and elegant with beautiful architectural details. 5 bedrooms, 4 baths plus studio, three levels, two fireplaces, refinished hardwood floors. This very large beauty is a must see!
- EXQUISITE BERKELEY HILLS TUDOR.....\$525,000
Bay views! Level in to tiled foyer! Large LR, formal dining w/ French doors to deck. 4BR, 3BA, master suite has spa/bath, beautifully updated throughout.
- BEST BUY IN THE BERKELEY HILLS.....\$389,500
Remodeled kitchen with cherry cabinets and granite counters! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, bay views, master suite, many upgrades throughout!
- BERKELEY OLD WORLD CHARM.....\$375,000
JUST LISTED! Incredibly warm, charming & spacious 3BR, 2BA home in the Berkeley hills. 5BR, 4BA plus studio, 3 levels, 2 fireplaces, refinished hwd floors. This very large beauty is a must see!
- SPARKLING NORTH BERKELEY REMODEL.....\$349,000
JUST LISTED! Large! 4 bedroom, 2 bath home near Hopkins track, pool & tennis courts, and Northbrae shopping. Great kitchen, hwd floors, fireplace & slate entry. A lot of beautiful house for the money!
- SERENE BERKELEY OASIS.....\$339,500
Top acre across from Live Oak Park, private, quiet set back from street! 3 bedroom, 3 bath with downstairs in-law with separate entrance. Formal dining, flexible floor plan, walk to gourmet ghetto.
- LOVELY IN NORTH BERKELEY.....\$335,000
Views, views, views! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with hardwood floors, deck and garden. Bonus family and plus rooms, and workshop too.
- BIG BAY VIEWS FROM BERKELEY.....\$325,000
JUST LISTED! Sweet, sun-filled 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in the hills. Formal dining, hardwood floors, fireplace and private entry patio and decks. Immaculate and ready to move in.
- SUNNY BAY VIEW KENSINGTON HOME.....\$279,000
3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths with gleaming hardwood floors and sprawling bay views. Good floor plan, wonderful backyard, good Kensington neighborhood and 2 car garage.
- MAGICAL MONTCLAIR SETTING.....\$259,000
Lovely contemporary set into a hillside at the end of a cul-de-sac, private & quiet with canyon views. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Seller has bought another home and is ready to make a deal.
- COSMETIC FIXER, ALBANY HILL.....\$245,000
Contemporary style home with 3 bedrooms, 2+ baths, hwd floors & beautiful hill views. Easy commute. Motivated sellers, make offer.
- CUTE OAKLAND/LAUREL BUNGALOW.....\$210,000
Cute, spacious & full of light! 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, formal dining, fireplace & hardwood floors. Nice garden with small deck.
- ADORABLE BERKELEY COTTAGE.....\$199,000
Sun-filled cottage in top gourmet ghetto location. 2+ bedroom, 1 bath, hwd floors, skylights, fireplace, lush private yard.
- DIMOND DISTRICT OAKLAND CHARMER.....\$162,000
JUST LISTED! 2 bedroom, 1 bath with formal dining and bay windows. Extra large garden with fruit trees and deck.
- EXCEPTIONAL OAKLAND BUNGALOW.....\$152,000
Large sunny rooms open onto spacious deck and yard. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath with formal dining and breakfast room. Quiet street, nice neighborhood. A real value & charmer.
- CRAFTSMAN FIXER PRICED TO SELL.....\$125,000
Classic Berkeley bungalow with large, sunny rooms. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with fireplace, yard could become a lovely garden. Check it out!

LOTS ★ LOTS ★ LOTS

- 2 FOR THE PRICE OF 1.....\$155,000
3 lots in the Claremont area may be subdivided into 2 buildable parcels. Price incl. existing survey, engineering rpts & plans for 2 homes. Owner may carry.
- BERKELEY HILLS.....\$120,000
JUST LISTED! Choice Berkeley Hills lot on Summit Road just above Grizzly Peak with bay views. Highly motivated seller!

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'Secret gardens' revealed



The whimsical animals in this "secret garden" eagerly await your visit during this year's Park Day School tour: "Secret Gardens of the East Bay" will take place Sun., April 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. This self-directed tour features 11 privately

owned gardens displaying outstanding examples of botanic diversity, color artistry and design innovation. Tickets are \$30; box lunches are available for an additional \$6.50.

For tickets information, call Park Day School 653-0317.

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ALBANY 4-YEAR-OLD **\$399,000**
NEW LISTING. Gorgeous 4BR, 3BA home with Southwestern flair. Big kitchen, high ceilings, spacious rooms & a dream bath with bay views. Over 2300 sq ft. 1120 Neilson, Albany. Open Sunday, 2-4. TODD HODSON 527-9111/273-9515



PANORAMIC VIEWS **\$299,000**
Nestled high in the El Cerrito hills, this spacious 4BR/4BA home boasts outstanding bay views. Contemporary style, custom built, master BR retreat, au pair. DEE PLUNKETT 527-9111/273-9506

KENSINGTON VALUE **\$199,000**
City and bay views, low maintenance, sunny 2BR home with great floor plan. Close to all conveniences. 272 Amherst. Open Sunday, 2-4:30. BARBARA KAPLAN 527-9111/273-9700

SUPER OAKLAND STARTER **\$95,000**
Sunny 2BR home with formal dining room. Convenient to freeway, public transportation. ROSITA THORNTON 527-9111/273-9501

DYNAMITE VIEW OF GOLDEN GATE & S.F.
No obstructions to this view. Just under 1/2 acre, possibility of subdivision. Charming cottage on property. Located in El Cerrito hills. DORIS ALEXANDER 527-9111/273-9538



ALBANY **\$265,000**
New listing! Classy, tasteful MacGregor home with all the right upgrades! 3 bedrooms, remodeled kitchen & bath. Bay windows, hardwood floors. Wonderful light, built-ins. Lovely gardens & deck. Near the park & Solano Ave. KEN KATZ 428-4023, 527-2700

TURN-OF-THE-CENTURY BEAUTY **\$299,000**
Lovely architectural details highlight this home. Use as a 3++ bedroom, 3 bath single family home or a 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with rental income. Two fireplaces and large fenced yard. Conveniently located near Rockridge, Elmwood and campus. ANN ARRIOLA PLANT OR KEN KATZ 527-2700

PERFECT CRAFTSMAN **\$239,000**
Walk to all Rockridge amenities! Entry, living room and dining room with original built-ins. Updated kitchen opens to private yard & deck. ANN ARRIOLA PLANT 527-2700, 287-8761

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#137 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Have you been thinking of buying a house, but don't know where to begin? You aren't ready to commit yourself yet, but you have questions?

Have you been considering selling your house? You'd like some preliminary conversation, just some information to mull over because maybe you won't do anything at all?

Here's our offer: We'll talk to you. We'll answer your questions. Call us up. We've set aside this Saturday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., just for you, free of strings.

We thought about doing a seminar. We might still do that one day. But you'd have to leave home to come to a seminar. On Available Talk day you can just call us on the phone. We'll listen to what you have to say, and we'll tell you what we think.

Also, Amy Siroky, a super loan agent with CMG Mortgage will be with us. Amy is smart, efficient,

Available Talk: at a phone near you

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So maybe you want to know what it will cost you to buy a house, a natural question. How much can you borrow? What will the payments be? Will your student loan balance be a problem? Aren't there special loans for first time home buyers?

Or you're wondering if you want to be tied down, thinking that buying might crimp your style (which it might), and you'd like to talk it over with someone. It's also possible that you're thinking of getting untied from a house you already own, buying instead a condo or not buying at all. How crazy is this plan?

Your house is too big or too small or it needs too much work. You'll want to know how much you can sell for. We won't be able to tell you the answer over the phone, but we can talk about the best repairs to make, termite reports, what it will cost you to sell, and give you a general idea of what a different house will cost.

We can talk about the horrors of moving, the pros and cons of re-

modeling, the potential rewards of home ownership and how you can estimate your income tax savings. We'll talk crystal ball stuff, too: Will interest rates go down? Will prices go up? Who will mow the lawn?

The process of buying or selling a house is big (doing both is super big). You will have to deal with your own ways of thinking about money, change, hearth and home. You'll have to make decisions that will probably have long standing consequences. You'll want to gather quite a lot of information before you are ready to proceed.

What should you expect from the professionals who help you along the way? What is a real estate agent's job? Who pays the agent? What will a loan agent do for you? Should you get a loan from your own bank? Who pays the loan agent?

What are closing costs? At what point in buying or selling should you hire an agent? Why not play the field?

We don't have absolute answers to all questions. We can't say how you'll deal with your mother, if she's intent on your owning your own place but you aren't. But we can assure you that buying is not for everyone. How will you decide for

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We've been renters and we've been homeowners, bought and sold. And helped a lot of people do the same. And we've looked at a great many houses. We have experience, personal and professional, and we try to help you stay clear on what you really want and if what you want is possible.

We'll be using the phone. Amy's office, CMG Mortgage, Albany. Because there are only a few of us and we may all be on the phone, you might get Amy's message or call back, or fax us. We get back to you.

If Saturday doesn't work for you, call Tarpoft & Talbert during the week at 653-2050. Amy Siroky will be reached at CMG Mortgage 528-2771.

Available Talk will be March 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can call and talk to Anet Tarpoft, Pat Talbert, and Amy Siroky. We'll be at CMG Mortgage, call at 528-2771 or fax us at 528-2771.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoft are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarpoft and Talbert at 653-2050.



737 Spruce, Berkeley

Even Peter Pan wouldn't mind growing up if he could live in this house. Tinkerbell says, if you believe in classic charm with comfortable amenities clap your hands!

\$389,500

Melissa Lyckberg
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BERKELEY

- THOUSAND OAKS TREASURE**.....\$740,000
Prime location, marvelous light-filled colonial in excellent condition. Ideal floor plan, 4BR, 3BA, fabulous master suite, kitchen-family room, garden, library. Anne Van Dyke ext. 142
- 7000 DEVON WAY**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**.....\$695,000
Artful craftsmanship of the highest order, only minutes to Hwy 24. 5BR, 3BA, level yard. Views in all directions. Gini Erck ext. 133
- 1153 KEELER AVENUE**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$529,000
4+BR, 2.5BA architect designed contemporary in private setting. Spectacular views. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124
- NORTH BERKELEY CONTEMPORARY**.....\$525,000
Spectacular bay view home. 4BR, 4BA, & family room. Excellent condition, versatile floor plan. Leslie Avant ext. 122
- 156 BROOKSIDE DRIVE**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$465,000
Very special '30's home. Sunny rooms, garden, deck. 4+3. Separate au pair. Mary Montali ext. 132
- TEEN'S HEAVEN**.....\$395,000
Striking contemporary around sunny pool! Deck with Tilden views! 4BR plus family room and office. Bebe McRae ext. 145
- 3148 CLAREMONT AVENUE**.....\$335,000
Well maintained Claremont Traditional. 3BR/2BA. 1BR & 1BA on entry level. Close to everything! Kevin Donahue ext. 141
- 151 FAIRLAWN DRIVE**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$315,000
PRICE REDUCED! Come see the flowers & fruit trees that surround this remodeled 3/1 shingle in the Berkeley Hills. Jan Fougner ext. 138

OAKLAND

- 28 WESTMINSTER DRIVE**.....\$1,275,000
Prestigious Claremont Pines! Beautiful and romantic architecture. Exquisite coffered ceilings. In- & outdoor access throughout. Stylish granite kitchen & limestone baths. Bebe McRae ext. 145
- NEW MEDITERRANEAN IN UPPER ROCKRIDGE**.....\$439,000
Light and bright 4BR. 3BA two-story home. Jan Fougner ext. 138
- 6400 MYSTIC AVENUE**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30**.....\$425,000
NEW LISTING! Very charming traditional on Rockridge/Claremont border. 4BR, 2+BA. Immaculate. Nancy Lee Noman ext. 124
- 5681 OAK GROVE AVENUE**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$389,000
Come see the refinished oak floors on this 4/2+ remodeled craftsman on large, level lot, wonderful MS, lots of wood. Jan Fougner ext. 138
- CROCKER HIGHLANDS TRADITIONAL**.....\$349,000
Lovely, spacious 2+BR/1.5BA with updated kitchen and bath and large, private garden. Trish McEneaney ext. 125
- 3606 GLEN PARK**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$157,500
Very special 2/1 Tudor, great floor plan, plus spaces. Anne Van Dyke ext. 142
- 3818 CERRITO AVENUE**.....**OPEN SUNDAY 2-4**.....\$152,000
Walk to Piedmont Avenue from this darling 1BR home. Remodeled kitchen, ready to move in! Leslie Easterday ext. 134

LOTS

- 0 PALOMARES COURT, Lafayette**.....\$275,000
Adj. to Lafayette Tennis Club. Could be subdivided. Includes swimming pool, beautiful trees. Well priced and ready. Bebe McRae ext. 145
- CRAGMONT AVENUE VIEW LOT, Berkeley**.....\$144,000
Gentle upslope. Soils report available. Gini Erck ext. 133
- 22 KERR AVENUE, Kensington**.....**Seller will carry!**.....\$95,000
Gentle downslope above the Monastery. Level access. Bay views through pines. Soils report, survey available. Bebe McRae ext. 145



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2431 Delmer Street, Oakland

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- High ceilings, hardwood floors
- Full basement
- Two master suites

Offered at \$325,000

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Nancy Rothman

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PANORAMIC VIEWS \$419,000
of 5 bridges! Plus 4BR, 2.5BA, 3 fireplaces, media room and more on over 1/2 acre. Move-in & spread out!
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SPACIOUS CUSTOM! \$379,000
Upper Rockridge, wonderful floorplan in this 5BR, 3BA home in prime location with views & yard. Best space for the \$\$! NANCY LEHRKIND 428-0900, 653-8092

HOME AND INCOME! \$329,000
Stately 1885 Victorian Duplex in best Piedmont Ave location! 2BR each with hardwood throughout, fireplace, 2 car garage plus shop space. Walk to everything. M. Miller 428-0900, 893-5030



ELEGANT VICTORIAN \$325,000
3+BR, 2.5BA updated kitchen/full basement luxurious garden, gorgeous home
LIZ STEVENS 845-0200

DIMOND DUPLEX \$239,000
Just reduced! Perfect for occupancy or income. Each unit has 2BR. Garden entry, laundry, much charm.
G. BOOMER 339-9290, 869-4202

SHARED LIVING? \$233,000
2BR up, 1BR and family room down-very flexible spaces. Super clean, near public transportation, many nice features. P. CORNFORD 339-9290, 869-4213

WHAT ABOUT A WRAP \$189,900
Seller eager to sell this large West Oakland duplex. Seller will carry down payment. 3BR up, 3BR, 1.5BA down. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

WOODSY OAKLAND HILLS \$176,500
Sunny 3BR, 2BA with loads of charm. Quiet neighborhood. Separate in-law potential. Fireplace, hardwood floors, redwood deck with hot tub. Priced to sell.
MICHAEL FEINER 524-2526



CHARMING COTTAGE \$159,000
Move right into this well cared for home, spacious yard/vegetable, flower beds. French doors open onto deck, 2BR, end porch. NANCY TAUSSIG, CLAREMONT 845-0211, 524-8249

UPPER LAUREL DISTRICT \$155,000
Sunny, comfortable 2BR home. The back yard's a gardener's delight! Remodeled kitchen, formal dining room. G. BOOMER 339-9290, 869-4202

PORTOBELLO - ON THE WATER \$145,000
2BR, 2BA. Relax! Have your space with lots of amenities. Pool, hot pool, sauna, tennis courts & more.
MONICA ROHRER 525-7805, 849-3711

NEW LISTING, LOT IN CITY \$139,000
Fixer house on large lot zoned for multi residence. Value in lot size. GAYNELL 834-2010, 763-0351

CONDO LIVING AT ITS BEST \$119,500
2BR, 2BA unit features woodburning fireplace, formal dining plus a separate den! Express S.F. bus line & EZ freeway access! With 10% down cheaper than rent!
MARK MILLER 428-0900

WONDERFUL BUILDABLE LOT \$99,000
In desirable Rockridge location. Views of Mt. Tam from large lot with level building area. Survey & soils report available. LOIS KADOSH 849-3711, 287-9186

EASY LIVING-WHY PAY RENT? \$52,900
Move right into this upgraded 1BR condo. Convenient location. Walk to everything. MARY MCNEILL 428-0900

BERKELEY / ALBANY

INVESTORS DELIGHT \$399,000
2 units, (1) 3BR house, (4) 2BR units & (2) 1BR units. Laundry on premises. Lots of storage & a huge lot in West Berkeley. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

CASH-FLOW IN ELMWOOD \$359,000
Current rent is \$3100, could go up, \$3600. Needs some work. Owner may carry a 1st with 15% down. Large yard, never vacant. PASCAL FOREST 845-0211

OLD WORLD CHARM \$289,000
Historic 1906 brown shingle with 4++BR's & 2BA's. Very spacious. Once legally converted to duplex but great single family home. Close to shopping & transportation.
MONICA ROHRER 525-7805, 849-3711

BERKELEY / ALBANY

REDUCED! FIXER SPECIAL \$220,000
Add some flair as you repair this spacious 3BR, 2BA Albany traditional home. Nothing too serious to do, and you'll feel good about the value. Don't miss!
WENDY BAKKENTA 524-2526

EXCITING POTENTIAL \$195,000
Turn this Albany cottage into your dream home. The location is the best, the style is popular, all it needs is foundation work. Don't be scared: call today!
WENDY BAKKENTA 524-2526

SWEET HOME AND COTTAGE \$199,000
Sunny home with huge cottage! Pretty garden, fenced for privacy. Move right in to this house. Walk to shops & Cafe Fanny. ERIKA CELESTRE 845-0211

CHARMER - OPEN SUNDAY 2-4 \$174,500
Lovely 2BR in Albany. Come see 711 Johnson - 1 block south of Solano, off Pierce St. Great floor plan, hwdw floors, nice yard, detached garage. better than rent!
JULIANA 524-2526, 644-5221

EMERYVILLE

22 NEW LIVE/WORK LOFTS \$189,000-\$199,000
Across from Borders Books. All 3 levels with operable skylights, maple cabinets, spiral staircases. 1,511-1,575 sq. ft. Design your own loft of just choose your own finishes. 10 sold last 3 weeks! Hurry - only 5 left. Open daily. Call for appt. BILL GRIMASON 420-1963

WEST COAST

PRISTINE CONDO \$109,000
Charming, private upper unit. 2BR, 2BA, serene view, lots of storage, convenient location & seller is motivated to sell. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

IMMACULATE HOME IN MARINA \$249,000
Bay/Breakers. This home is 4+ years young, has 3BR, 2.5BA, with cozy fireplace in large living room. Landscaped, community pool/spa, sec. gated, park & bay front hiking & biking! MIKE GOODMAN 526-5143

CONSIDER WHAT COULD BE! \$32,000
This 2BR house needs a lot of work but it is close to new Kaiser Hospital, new shopping center & close to public trans. Seller motivated. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

EL CERRITO



BREATHTAKING REMODEL \$289,000
Every now and then a house comes along that stands apart. This stunning 3BR, 2BA contemporary combines beauty, style and exquisite materials. Call to see. WENDY BAKKENTA 524-2526

HURRY BEFORE IT GOES! \$210,000
Charm everywhere in this 2+BR El Cerrito spotless home. Redone almost everywhere, it is delightful! Located walking distance to everything! Call now.
WENDY BAKKENTA 524-2526

SAN LEANDRO

VAST VIEWS AND PERFECT SUNSETS \$198,000
This very large 4BR home is ideal for both entertaining and family life. The home has 2 full baths, great back yard & deck, family room, central kitchen, living room with fireplace. DARRIN 834-2010

LOTS FOR SALE

SAN FRANCISCO VIEWS \$129,000
Prime Upper Rockridge location. Reports included.
DAVID ICHIKAWA 428-0900, 547-8978

NEW LISTING! \$39,000
Berkeley address, Oakland taxes. Lovely area behind Claremont. Fire area being rebuilt with custom homes! Canyon & some bay views!
CAROL JEKABSON 849-3711, 527-3494

BUILDABLE LOT WITH POTENTIAL! \$28,000
In one of West Oakland's up and coming areas. This lot is across from new live/work units, close to BART & new freeway entrance. LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

CORNER LOT \$10,000
This lot is located where 2 main streets intersect. This is a prime location with lots of potential.
LOGENE BUTLER 526-5143

Area Home Sales

BERKELEY
1101 Amador Ave. - \$327,000
1583 Arch St., A - \$195,000
3032 Bateman St. - \$140,000
1632 Berkeley Way - \$172,500
850 Cragmont - \$530,000
1531 Juanita Way - \$226,000
1825 Parker St. - \$219,000
1670 Sacramento - \$244,000
689 Santa Rosa - \$560,000
2954 Shasta Rd. - \$225,000
2201 Virginia - \$124,000
2729 Wallace - \$159,000
1615 Ward St. - \$120,000
EL CERRITO
1932 Downey Pl. - \$257,500
2634 Monte Vista - \$187,500
EL SOBRANTE
5661 Nottingham - \$110,000
5717 Oliver Ct. - \$359,000

PIEDMONT
1501 Grand Ave. - \$225,000
210 Highland - \$545,000
119 Lake Ave. - \$289,500
SAN LEANDRO
997 Ark Dr. - \$170,000
850 Bancroft - \$179,000
626 Chetland Rd. - \$182,500
115 Dorchester - \$170,000
533 Durant Ave. - \$128,000
1155 Duzmal Ave. - \$185,000
1530 Glen Dr. - \$192,500
14763 Harold - \$129,000
15200 Inverness - \$163,000
1039 Lucille St. - \$134,000
14055 Reed Ave. - \$126,000
1738 Skyview Dr. - \$650,000
1154 Trojan Ave. - \$156,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$262,000
BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$120,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$560,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$249,346
EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$187,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$257,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$222,500
EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$110,000

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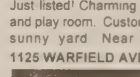
Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

420 HAMPTON ROAD



\$922,500
Beautiful Colonial with fabulous detailing and spacious level living. 4 bedrooms/3.5 baths, family room and rumpus.
KATHLEEN CALLAHAN

202 MAGNOLIA AVE

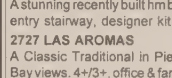


NEW EXCLUSIVE \$479,500
Just listed! Charming three bedroom home with two office and play room. Custom remodeled kitchen and baths. Nice sunny yard. Near schools. MARION SCHWARTZ
1125 WARFIELD AVENUE \$469,000

OAKLAND

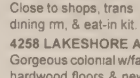
Open Sunday 2 - 4:30 p.m.

33 NORTH HILL COURT



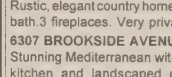
\$759,000
A stunning recently built home by Barbara Armstrong. Exquisite entry stairway, designer kit, 4/3+ & office. KAREN STARR
2727 LAS AROMAS \$529,000

4388 TERRABELLA



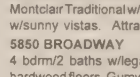
\$325,000
Close to shops, trans & hiking trails. Living rm w/frpice, sep dining rm, & eat-in kit. w/deck. 3/2 5 ANGELA WEI GRUBB
4258 LAKESHORE AVE NEW EXCLUSIVE \$305,000

5951 CHELTON DRIVE



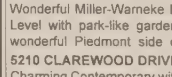
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Rustic, elegant country home w/unbelievable kitchen & master bath. 3 fireplaces. Very private setting. NANCY ROTHMAN
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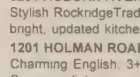
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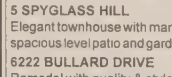
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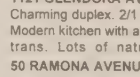
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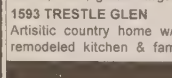
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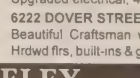
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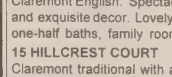


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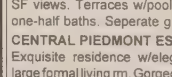


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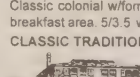
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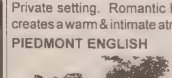
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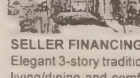
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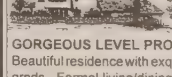
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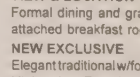
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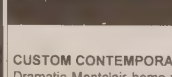
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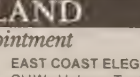
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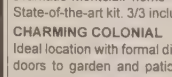


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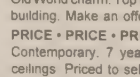
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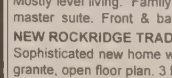
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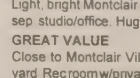
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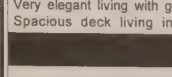
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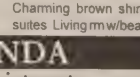
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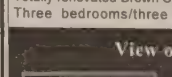


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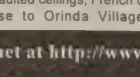
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A rose is a rose is a ...

A rose by any other name would still be a candidate for rust, blackspot, powdery mildew and aphids. What is a gardener to do?

The best approach to disease is through proper cultural practices. This allows the plant optimum growth conditions, which makes for a healthy vigorous plant. A healthy plant is more capable of resisting disease than one which is struggling to survive under minimum growth conditions. Since it is essential to start to attack disease before its onset I will address cultural needs in a later rose article.

This first article, of four, will concern aphids. The second article will discuss the dreaded fungal diseases of blackleaf spot and rust. A third article on powdery mildew will appear as soon as the fungus is about to be among us. Last and most important in the rose series will be cultural practices.

Assuming you did your winter pruning, leaf disposal and dormant spray application, the next attack is on aphids. There will be an explosion in the insect population with the advent of warm weather. The assault on aphids should be implemented prior to their arrival in early spring.

Aphids are insects that have piercing and sucking mouth parts. Which part of the plant the aphid attacks depends upon the species of aphid. Young stems and buds are

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attacked by the rose aphid. You can see the pink or green form of aphid clustered on young tender stems and buds. A plant can survive an aphid infestation, but the consequences are poorly formed buds, poor flower production and malformed blossoms.

When your roses show one to two inches of new growth it is time to start feeding those prickly beauties with Rose Care. A combination of fertilizer and systemic pesticide, the Rose Care should be applied every six weeks throughout the growing season.

The fertilizer portion contains nitrogen for vegetative growth, phosphorus for root growth and potassium for flower production. The systemic will protect against spider mites, whiteflies and leafhoppers, as well as the abundant aphid.

Gently work the Rose Care one to two inches into the soil and then thoroughly water. The systemic must be dissolved in water to enter

the plant's roots. The conductive tissue in the stem will carry the systemic to the leaves and buds. Insects will happily munch on the vegetative parts, unaware of their impending demise.

Spring infestations often cannot be quelled by using just systemic pesticides. In order to rid the rose of the voracious aphids an added dose of spray may be needed. Check your local hardware store for appropriate potions.

Remember to wear protective gear and a dust mask when applying spray.

In any organism the first line of defense against disease is good health. Those of you that are organic gardeners and will not apply any form of insecticide or herbicide should be applying a fertilizer to ensure optimum growth and good health of the rose.

According to Rodal there are a number of organic methods to keep

aphids to a minimum. A good hardy spray of water will wash the aphids off the plant - using this method may mean a spray a day during the aphid infestation.

Spraying the plant with soapy water will curtail the insects. Planting nasturtiums, petunias or garlic chives near the roses will help deter aphids from feeding upon the roses. Place an aphid trap, of soapy water in a yellow dishpan, near the roses. Flying aphids may be foiled by using aluminum foil mulch. Ladybugs and lacewings find aphids a dining delicacy.

Space does not permit an extended discussion of organic approaches to aphid control. New studies tend to show that use of ladybugs is only effective if they are indigenous to the area.

Regardless of what line of defense you use against aphids, the main thing is to keep those plants as healthy as possible.

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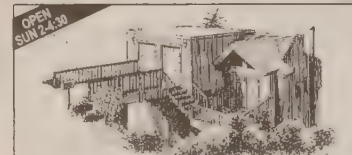
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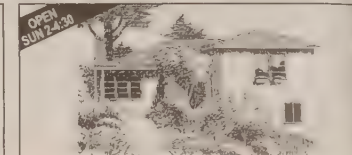
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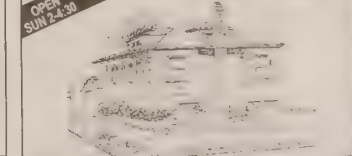
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3BR, 1BA upstairs, split level, formal dining room, huge family kitchen, "Plus" room separate entry w/in bath, attached garage
CHARLENE CLAYBAUGH 444-SOLD

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Reduced & ready to go! Airy & light filled with hardwood floors thruout, 2 bedrooms each open to lovely landscaped garden. San Francisco bay view.
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Wonderful 2BR, 2BA condo with formal dining room in living room. Prime Alameda Point location. Beautifully maintained with many upgrades.
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Walk to Rose Garden! Close to Grand Lake & Piedmont Ave. Airy, bright, secure, most private! Sunny pool. Sweet 1BR, 1BA, 1 bath.
HELEN NICHOLAS 339-8400

Homes...

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HIGHEST PRICE: \$359,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$234,500
PIEDMONT
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$545,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$353,166
SAN LEANDRO
TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$126,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$197,307

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PACIFIC UNION RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

HOMES OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

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|--|---|
| 32 GRAVATT DRIVE, CLAREMONT HILLS - 3BD/3+BA.....\$895,000
Stunning timeless classic, panoramic bay views, courtyard. Patty Scott | 6108 HARWOOD DRIVE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/1+BA.....\$339,000
Bright craftsman in best location, yard, walk to BART. Brooks Anderson |
| 5 WYNGAARD AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2+BA.....\$849,000
Spectacular English Tudor designed by Carl Warnecke. Sally Morrison | 2063 LOS ANGELES, BERKELEY - 2BD/1+BA.....\$285,000
Elegant craftsman! Spacious floor plan, FDR, walk to shops. Rich Gould |
| 1098 AMITO, CLAREMONT HILLS - 4BD/3+BA.....\$639,900
Reduced! Spacious, gourmet kit, formal DR, mst suite. Dee Knowland | 1006 GALVIN STREET, GLENVIEW - 4BD/1+BA.....\$269,000
Grand restored trad, private wooded views, 2000+ sq. ft. Tom Wurst |
| 34 LA SALLE AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2BA.....\$629,000
All-level, light & airy, new kitchen and baths. Helen Danhaki: 547-5750 | 1857 MAGELLAN DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$264,900
Private setting, updated kit/baths, walk to Montclair Village. Joan Hause |
| 888 MOUNTAIN BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$599,000
Exquisite new trad, family room, huge den, patio & yard. Kathy Flynn | 4406 WHITTE AVENUE, OAKMORE - 3BD/2BA.....\$259,000
Quiet retreat in convenient location, new paint in & out. Sandi Klemmer |
| 5914 BRUNS COURT, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$559,000
Extra large lot, chef's kitchen, family room, au pair, yard. Dick Cohen | 485 PEDESTRIAN WAY, ROCKRIDGE - 2BD/1BA.....\$239,000
Sunny craftsman in heart of Rockridge, modern kit, yard. Ann Nichols |
| 10 BONITA AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/1+BA.....\$549,000
Charming craftsman style in wonderful central location. Martha Holstlaw | 3859 ENOS AVENUE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2+BD/1BA.....\$199,000
New listing! House + studio, 1/3 private wooded acre. Vicki Woodhead |
| 10 BLAIR AVENUE, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/2BA.....\$439,000
Mediterranean in great central location, sunny yard. Debi Fitzgerald | 4210 KNOLL AVENUE, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1BA.....\$194,000
New listing! Charming bungalow, family rm, large yard. Wendy Gardner |
| 651 HADDON ROAD, HADDON HILL - 5BD/3+BA.....\$349,900
New listing! Stately trad, remodeled kitchen & master bath. Tom Wurst | 3945 HARRISON #21, ROSE GARDEN - 2BD/2BA.....\$159,000
Remodeled, upgraded condo in 12-unit bldg, den, balcony. Ann Nichols |

BY APPOINTMENT

PIEDMONT

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| GRACIOUS ESTATE - PIEDMONT.....\$2,450,000
Wonderful park-like gardens. 5BD/4+BA, chef's kitchen, family room, library, au pair, rumpus, elevator, pool. Joan Daniel | ELEGANT TRADITIONAL - PIEDMONT.....\$729,000
Centrally located with quality architectural details. 4BD/3BA, cook's kitchen with adjacent family room. Martha Holstlaw |
| A RARE FIND - PIEDMONT.....\$1,795,000
Designed for convenience & gracious entertaining. 5BD/4.5BA, au pair, family rm, library & rec rm. Sally Morrison/Dee Dee Bonham | EXCEPTIONAL SPANISH - PIEDMONT.....\$695,000
Tastefully renovated throughout; decorator perfect! 3BD/2+BA, large family room, lovely deck and gardens. Georgia Cornell |
| CENTRAL PIEDMONT LOCATION.....\$829,000
Beautiful original details inlaid hwd floors, 4+BD/3BA, library, kitchen/family rm. French doors, decks with hot tub. Dick Cohen | WONDERFUL OUTLOOK - PIEDMONT.....\$505,000
Set among beautiful trees and mature foliage. 2BD/2BA on main floor; rec rm, bdrm/bath, utility rm on lower level. Sally Morrison |
| GRACIOUS PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL.....\$789,900
Lovely light-filled home surrounded by beautiful English gardens. 5BD/3BA au pair, play room, wonderful details. Sandi Klemmer | COZY PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL.....\$239,500
Just starting! Lowest price in Piedmont. 2BD/1BA, updated kitchen, formal dining, hwd flrs, level yard, basement. Ann Nichols |

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| PRESTIGIOUS CLAREMONT PINES.....\$1,129,000
Gracious, elegant new custom home. 4BD/3+BA, fabulous kitchen, family rm, formal dining, pool/spa, 3-car gar. Dee Knowland | GRAND & GLORIOUS FIXER.....\$299,900
This elegant mansion has potential galore! High ceilings, spec-tac. views. 5BD/2+BA, huge DR, French doors. Thomas Wurst |
| STYLISH MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$495,000
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This stylish well maintained trad features 4BD/2BA, sep DR with built-ins, updated kitchen, hwd floors, back yard. Dee Knowland |
| GLENVIEW RESIDENTIAL INCOME.....\$398,000
This gorgeous 1920's fourplex has gracious style & architectural integrity. Spacious rooms, fabulous location. Dee Knowland | ONE LEVEL - UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$295,000
Ranch style on quiet cul-de-sac with private back yard. 3BD/2BA incl. master suite, hwd floors and 2-car garage. Wendy Gardner |
| DRAMATIC TRADITIONAL.....\$364,000
New construction, 3BD/2+BA, family room with fireplace, luxurious mst ste, many artistic touches. Helen Danhaki: 547-5750 | FERNWOOD FIXER!.....\$289,000
New listing! Storybook English, large level lot, walk to Montclair Village. 4BD/2BA, needs TLC. Helen Danhaki: 547-5750 |
| ROCKRIDGE SPLIT LEVEL.....\$349,000
Great locat on - walk to BART & College Ave. 3BD/2BA, updated kitchen, family room, rumpus opens to level yard. Francis Heath | HILL VIEWS - OAKMORE.....\$249,000
Freshly painted inside, hwd floors, 3BD/1+BA, frpl, formal DR, eat-in kitchen, 2-car gar, large level back yard. Sandi Klemmer |
| MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$339,000
Glamorous level-in home on 1/4 acre lot! 4BD/3BA, large eat-in kitchen deck off master suite, private patio with spa. Chuck Convin | SEQUOYAH HEIGHTS TOWNHOUSE.....\$189,000
Owner may carry 1st loan. Quiet cul-de-sac, 3BD/2+BA, new carpet throughout, large level yard, 2-car garage. Robyn Mohr |
| IMMACULATE OAKMORE TUTOR.....\$329,000
3BD/2+BA, family room opens to large deck, hot tub, hwd floors, formal dining, beam ceiling in LR, large entry. Dick Cohen | SPLIT LEVEL CRAFTSMAN.....\$189,000
Lots of wonderful details, built-ins. 2BD/1BA, formal dining, great tree lined street, lovely private garden. Sandi Klemmer |
| GRACIOUS AND STATELY.....\$325,000
Reduced! Located within walking distance to College Ave, restaurants & BART. 3BD/1BA, beaut. details. Helen Danhaki: 547-5750 | LUXURY CONDOMINIUM.....\$179,000
Spacious unit in well maintained bldg, conveniently located 2BD/2BA, LR with wet bar & frpl, DR, den, 2 decks. Sandi Klemmer |
| GREAT OUTDOOR SPACES.....\$314,950
This shingled contemporary is situated on a huge lot with 3BD/2BA rumpus rm, frpl, 2-car garage & good storage. Dick Cohen | LAKE VIEW CONDOMINIUM.....\$139,950
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yard. 4BD/2.5BA, quiet setting w/lots of parking. Owner may consider trades. David Hennigan | 4808 CALDERWOOD CT. Price reduced! 2,700 sq ft on level lot, outstanding . . . \$385,000
contemp., family room, master suite w/sitting room, eat-in kitchen. 3 car garage. Chris Christensen |
| 6115 ROCKRIDGE BLVD. S. Dramatic, unique 3BD/2BA non-traditional, sunny, . . . \$332,900
skylights, charming yard, great location. Stan Hammond | 4335 SEQUOYAH RD. Mediterranean style in prestigious Sequoyah hills. 5BD/3BA, . . . \$299,999
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| 4107 OAKMORE RD. Charming Tudor fixer-upper in great neighborhood. Back . . . \$269,000
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| 250 SANTA CLARA AVE. Pristine traditional! This delightful Colonial home . . . \$245,000
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eat-in kitchen, formal dining, refinished hwd floors, deck, basement. Don Dunning | 3924 ROBLEY TERR. Off Piedmont Ave. 2+BD/1BA, hwd flrs, large kitchen, . . . \$219,000
new furnace & paint. Big basement, nearly 6,000 sq ft lot. Frank Henneler |
| 1638 SACRAMENTO ST., BERKELEY. Needs some work but offers old world . . . \$210,000
craftsmanship. Large 2BD, hardwood floors, shop, yard, breakfast room. Steve Cowan | 2522 TRUMAN. First Open! Bay view, 1,900 sq ft. Absolutely immaculate! . . . \$169,000
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| 2455 FRANCES ST. Maxwell Pk. 3BD with bay view! Family room, hardwood . . . \$154,900
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dining area. Walk to Piedmont Ave. shops & restaurants. Nancy Novick |
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| PEACE AND PRIVACY ON 1/4 ACRE with gardens, huge deck, black-bottom pool . . . \$249,000
and spa. Pretty 3BD/2BA rancher w/hdwd flrs, vaulted ceilings, 2 car garage. Mary Neuburger | THIS VALUE CAN'T BE BEAT! North Oakland Victorian/Craftsman. 2 story, 4+BD/2.5BA, . . . \$235,000
gourmet kit, hwd & tie flrs, updated plumb & elec. New exterior paint, 3 car gar. Frank Henneler |
| 7 BEDROOM HOME ON APPROX 1/3 ACRE. Most bedrooms have adjoining . . . \$215,000
1/2 bath. Could be group/conferences/nursing home, etc. Cheryl Gabriel | NORTH OAKLAND CRAFTSMAN. Early 1900's 2 story, lots of charm. Needs . . . \$174,500
some TLC. corner lot. 3BD/2BA, nice yard. First time buyers welcome. Frank Henneler |
| A YARD AND A HALF! Super tidy Laurel starter, 2BD/1BA, beautiful floors, . . . \$162,000
fireplace, lots of upgrades, park-like yard. Katie Meadow | NEAT AS A PIN. 2BD starter on lovely street near Mormon Temple. Hardwood . . . \$159,900
floors, deck, and wonderful sunny yard. Don Dunning |
| A LOT OF HOUSE FOR THE MONEY! Spacious 3BD w/charm, built-in cabinets, . . . \$139,900
in liv & din room, large kitchen w/breakfast nook, bsmt, lg. yard, nice location. Kate Phillips | NEW CONDO LISTING. WAIT! READ ON. Awesome building. Earthquake retro, . . . \$139,500
view, hwd flrs, 2BD/2BA modern interior, security bldg. Frank Henneler |
| GREAT STARTER HOME! Filled w/light & charm, 2BD with plus room. . . \$129,900
Refinished hardwood floors, large basement, attached garage. Kate Phillips | A REAL BARGAIN! 2BD/2BA condo near Rose Garden, sunny, neutral . . . \$109,000
colors, great closets, pool and sauna. Stan Hammond |
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Realty agents and consultants Pat

Tarpoft and Anet Talbert of Tarpoft & Talbert team up with loan agent Amy Siroky of CMG Mortgage to offer the phone-in program Available Talk, Sat. March 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pat, Anet and Amy will share their realty and loan experiences with anyone who calls or faxes questions or concerns to them

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The non-profit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley announces its 1996 schedule of classes. On Sat., March 23,

BEC presents: **Waterproofing and Attic Conversions.** On Sun. March 24, the center will feature **The Bungalow: Tradition and Transformation** and **Wallpaper Hanging: Hands-On.** For information on BEC courses call 525-7610.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, is

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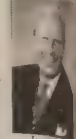
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100 FAIRLAWN - OPEN SUN. 3/24 2-4pm

STUNNING GOLDEN GATE VIEW. This spacious and treasured home features a dramatic glass atrium leading to the master bedroom suite, a family room off the kitchen, custom wine cellar, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious 2-car garage and lovely patio and garden. \$415,000.

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 32 GRAVATT DR, Claremont Hills 3bd/3+ba stunning classic, views Pacific Union, Patty Scott 339-6460 \$895,000
- 101 ALPINE TERRACE, New luxury 4bd/3+ba home, grt reduction Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, M. Armstrong 869-4206 \$759,000
- 33 NORTH HILL CT, Hiller, stunning 4bd/3+ba, office, designer kit The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400 \$759,000
- 22 SHERIDAN ROAD, Upr Rockridge 4+bd/3+ba nw/elegant/pvt/vw Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Sherri Oakley 428-0900 \$725,000
- 5981 GIRVIN DR, at Chelton, Pied Pines 4+bd/3ba, new, quality! Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667 \$690,000
- 17 SERRAMAR DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba, 1st open! mstr w/pvt deck Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400 \$659,000
- 1260 GRAND VIEW DR, Gorgeous nw contemp, easy commute Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 531-7000 \$655,000
- 1098 AMITO, Claremont Hills 4bd/3+ba, gourmet kit, FDR, reduced Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460 \$639,000
- 925 GLENDOME CIRCLE, Nw listing, grand 3+2+ Med, in-law, vw Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, J. Garcia 869-4211 \$610,000
- 888 MOUNTAIN BL, Montclair 3+bd/2+ba new trad, huge den, patio Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460 \$599,000
- 1955 MANZANITA, Montclair bright, expansive 4bd/3ba Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, H. Converse 869-4212 \$589,000
- 14 CLIPPER HILL, Hiller, lg view home, 4/3, FDR, prime location Coldwell Banker, Olie Hammerel 339-1174 \$585,000
- 5914 BRUNS CT, Montclair 4+bd/3+ba, chef's kit, au pair, yard Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460 \$559,000
- 268 SHERIDAN, 5bd/4+ba, 5000 sq ft, au pair w/separate entry Mason-McDuffie, Margaret Wade 428-0900 \$549,000
- 264 SHERIDAN, 5bd/4+ba enormous contemp w/private suites Mason-McDuffie, Margaret Wade 428-0900 \$539,000
- 2727 LAS AROMAS, Pied Pines classic trad, 4+3+ba, ofc, garden The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400 \$529,000
- 5951 CHELTON DR, Montclair rustic, elegant country hm, 3 frpl, pvt The GRUBB Company, Nancy Rothman 339-0400 \$525,000
- 7 MARR, Big house/big lot/big bay view! 4bd, art studio, huge yd Coldwell Banker, Vicki Faulk 339-1174 \$525,000
- 6307 BROOKSIDE AVE, Upr Rockridge stunning 4/3 Med, remodel kit The GRUBB Company, Anjan Tunney 339-0400 \$499,000
- 5850 PINEWOOD, 4bd/2+ba on large lot, quiet neighborhood Gallagher & Lindsey, Debbie 748-1806 SUNDAY 2:30-5 \$485,000
- 6630 DAWES ST, Montclair retreat, 4bd/3+ba, brick court, gdns The GRUBB Company, Marion Schwartz 339-0400 \$479,500
- 5800 WESTOVER DR, Pied Pines 3bd/3+ba, 3000 sf, mstr w/frpl Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000 \$479,000
- 6905 EXETER DR, Piedmont Pines 4+bd/3+ba, new open! custom Better Homes, D. C. Hodges 531-7667 \$469,000
- 64 SCHOONER HILL, Hiller Highlands luxury 4bd/3+ba townhouse Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, Tony Fardella 869-4263 \$469,000
- 2843 BURTON DR, Level Hill home, 4/3 beauty!, hwdns, fab kitchen Coldwell Banker, Kay Grubb 339-1174 \$455,000
- 5210 CLAREWOOD DR, Upr Rockridge 3+bd/2+ba contemp, fam rm The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400 \$449,000
- 6636 EXETER DR, Montclair, 4bd/2+ba, lg kit/fam rm, m yard Wells & Bennett, David Hennigan 531-7000 \$449,000
- 401 FOX HILL CT, 5/3 mini estate, FDR, family rm, game room, bay vws, 2 frpls, wet bar, Anthony RE, Shirley 229-5415, pager 262-3559 SUN 1-5 \$425,000
- 6400 MYSTIC AV, Nw listing! 4bd/2+ba trad, Rckrdg/Claremont border Templeton Company, Nancy Lee Noman 652-2133 X124 \$425,000
- 5 SPYGLASS HILL, Hiller elegant 3 1/2 twnhse, library, patio, den The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400 \$424,000
- 6222 BULLARD DR, Montclair remodel w/style, 3+3, patio, garden The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400 \$419,000
- 4238 RIDGEMONT CT, Cul-de-sac 4bd/2+ba, mstr suite, eat-in kit Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174 \$399,000
- 5681 OAK GROVE AVE, 4bd/2+ba remodeled craftsman, lg m lot Templeton Company, Jan Fougner 652-2133 X138 SUNDAY 2-4 \$389,000
- 4808 CALDERWOOD CT, \$ reduced! 2700 sq ft, m lot, mstr suite Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000 \$385,000
- 1027 PARK LANE, Crocker, attractive colonial nr Piedmont, 3+3 Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174 \$383,000
- 6164 BULLARD, Montclair sharp 4/2 contemporary, remodel kit, hwd Coldwell Banker, Marilyn Bremser 339-1174 \$379,000
- 8390 SKYLINE, New listing! 4bd/3ba, remodel kitchen, walk parks Coldwell Banker, Adriana Giacomelli 339-1174 \$375,000
- 8 BOWLES PL, New listing, 3+bd/2ba Mediterranean tree house Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Millions 869-4233 \$375,000
- 1061 HUBERT RD, Crocker Highlands 2+bd/1+ba Better Homes, Edith Marcus 339-4000 \$369,500

- 651 HADDON RD, Haddon Hill new listing, 5/3+, remodel kit/mstr ba Pacific Union, Tom Wurst 339-6460 \$349,900
- 8767 SKYLINE BL, New listing! sunny 3bd/2+ba, bay & canyon vw Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X174 \$349,000
- 1593 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker artistic country hm, 3bd/2ba, fam rm The GRUBB Company, Sandra Vogl 339-0400 \$349,000
- 6108 HARWOOD DR, Rockridge 3bd/1+ba bright craftsman, yard Pacific Union, Brooks Anderson 339-6460 \$338,000
- 6115 ROCKRIDGE BL So., Dramatic unique 3/2 non-trad'l, skylites Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 531-7000 \$332,900
- 4388 TERRABELLA, Oakland Hills 3 1/2, frpl, eat-in kitchen w/deck The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400 \$325,000
- 744 MCKINLEY AVE, Haddon Hill updated Spanish Med, 4bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174 \$319,000
- 849 SANTA RAY, Crocker 3+bd/1+ba, great area, good yard Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Y. Ben-David 869-4205 \$309,500
- 7110 THORNHILL DR, Montclair 4bd/2ba, remodel eat-in kit, huge dk Better Homes, Nahid Nassiri 339-4000 \$309,000
- 4258 LAKESHORE AVE, Crocker gorgeous colonial, 4/1, brkfst rm The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400 \$305,000
- 6709 THORNHILL, Montclair 3bd/2+ba contemporary, family room Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-SOLD \$304,500
- 4335 SEQUOYAH RD, 5bd/3ba Med style, remodel kit, 3100 sq ft Wells & Bennett, Cheryl Gabriel 531-7000 \$299,999
- 1760 MOUNTAIN, Montclair 4+bd/3ba, walk to transp. and school Better Homes, Sue Williams 482-5077 \$299,000
- 3042 COLLEGE, Turn of century beauty! 3/3 or 2/2 w/income, yard Marvin Gardens, Ann Plant 527-2700 \$299,000
- 51 CHELTON LANE, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, garden entry, sunny vistas The GRUBB Company, Susan Velt 339-0400 \$295,000
- 4338 TERRABELLA, Redwood Hts, newer 3bd/2+ba, stunning vw Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, F. Owens 869-4217 \$294,000
- 6627 GUNN DR, 3bd/2ba, affordable Montclair living, 2-car garage, romantic woody setting, alfresco dining on deck! BMW R.E. 800-392-8115 \$289,000
- 5850 BROADWAY, Rockridge 4/2 w/leg sep unit below, hwdns The GRUBB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400 \$289,000
- 6201 AUBURN AVE, Rockridge trad, updated kitchen/bath, lg gdn The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400 \$289,000
- 6279 LEONA ST, Leona Hts 4bd/2+ba, spacious/light, great price Better Homes, Tom Nemeth 652-8537 \$289,000
- 1201 HOLMAN RD, Crocker Highlands 3bd/1+ba hwdns, garden, FDR The GRUBB Company, John Karnay 339-0400 \$285,000
- 1201 HAMPEL, Crocker, splendid 4+1+ba trad, bring deco ideas Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, V. Landes 869-4225 \$279,000
- 1948 OAK CREST, Upr Oakmore 3/2 w/great family style kitchen Better Homes, Harry Kress 339-8400 \$269,000
- 4811 TRINIDAD AVE, 3bd/2ba, hot tub, view, lots more, grt value! Bob 376-8147 SUNDAY 1-5 \$269,000
- 1121 GLENDORA AV, Glenview charming duplex 2/1 and 1/1, deck The GRUBB Company, Josephine O'Shaughnessy 339-0400 \$269,000
- 4761 DAVENPORT, SF view, 3/2, formal dining, level out, 2100 sf Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 531-7000 \$269,000
- 6951 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 3bd/3ba, open flr plan, au pair Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, C. Boze 869-4216 \$269,000
- 4107 OAKMORE RD, Charming fixer Tudor, 3b/2b, potential galore Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000 \$269,000
- 1006 GALVIN ST, Glenview 4bd/1+ba grand restored trad, 2000sf Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460 \$269,000
- 1857 MAGELLAN DR, 3bd/2ba in pvt setting, walk Montclair village Pacific Union, Joan Hause 339-6460 \$264,900
- 4406 WHITTLE AVE, Oakmore 3/2 quiet retreat, new paint in/out Pacific Union, Sandi Kiemmer 339-6460 \$259,000
- 4045 LYMAN RD, Oakmore 3bd/1+ba, just reduced! terrace yard Better Homes, Julie Hastings 339-4000 \$259,000
- 6650 ARMOUR, Montclair 3bd/2ba Coldwell Banker, Mamoud Moktar 486-1495 \$259,000
- 1960 MAGELLAN, Montclair 2bd/1ba, great home/area/price Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, B. Boze 869-4216 \$255,000
- 4115 MIDVALE, Upr Laurel 3bd/1+ba, dramatic SF view, m yard Better Homes, Jan Neff 339-8400 \$255,000
- 1380 TRESTLE GLEN, 3bd/2ba, soaring ceiling, home office, charm Mason-McDuffie 834-2020, Lois Harris 287-2521 SUNDAY 2-5 \$255,000
- 17063 BROADWAY TER, Montclair 2bd/1ba, spa, wrkshp, spa, view 249,000 Better Homes, Alice Wick 339-8400 \$249,000
- 842-842A WALKER, Grand Lake 2 units, 2bd w/frpl up, 1bd down Owner 834-8768 SUNDAY 11-5 & MONDAY 2-5 5% DOWN \$245,500
- 3834 BEAUMONT, Glenview big 4bd/2ba traditional, updated, deck Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, L. Clarke 869-4210 \$245,000

- 250 SANTA CLARA AVE, 3bd/2ba colonial, upgrades, patio, garden Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden 531-7000 \$245,000
- 335 NEWTON, 4bd/1+ba Grand Victorian, restored, room to room Better Homes, Elaine Jones 339-4000 \$245,000
- 4049 LAUREL AVE, Laurel 3bd/2ba charming tudor, move right in! Better Homes, Anida Weyl 746-1349 \$245,000
- 3949 ELSTON AVE, Glenview 3bd/1+ba, frml dining, sp lvl, garden Better Homes, Vickie Chan-Case 339-8400 \$239,000
- 485 PEDESTRIAN WAY, 2bd/1ba sunny craftsman, Rockridge Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 \$239,000
- 1776 BRANDON ST, 3/2, 1 M rancher, 1400+ sf, 2-car gar att, gar Cornelius, Mealey & Pethan 357-7440 SUNDAY 1-4 \$234,000
- 48 SERENO CIRCLE, Redwood Hts 2+bd/2ba, move in condition! vws Better Homes, Nancy Donnelly 339-8400 \$224,000
- 50 RAMONA AVE, Pied Ave 2bd, sunporch, pvt yd, new kit/bath The GRUBB Company, Debra Dryden 339-0400 \$223,000
- 6907 SARONI DR, Montclair 2bd/2ba modified A-frame, MBR suite, excellent condition, landscaped, fruit trees, Edward Bell Realty 339-9356 \$222,000
- 3850 BRIGHTON AVE, Glenview 2+bd/2ba craftsman, orig. archit. \$222,000 Re/Max in Motion, Maria/Randa 522-7110
- 528 HADDON RD, China Hill 4/2+ba, come see the potential! Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 339-4000 \$219,000
- 3815 ELSTON AVE, Delightful Glenview 2bd bungalow, FDR, hwdns \$219,000 Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning 531-7000
- 3924 ROBLEY TER, Off Piedmont Ave, 2+bd/1ba, hwdns, lg kitchen Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 531-7000 \$219,000
- 17 WHITTE CT, Diamond 3bd/1ba, fam rm, 2 frpls, 2-car garage Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, deonora Pedro 482-0799 \$219,000
- 339 SANTA CLARA AVE, 2+bd/1+ba, remodel kit/ba, FDR, insdpc Coldwell Banker, Stacy Winett 339-1174 \$219,000
- 6901 BALSAM WAY, Montclair, fabulous 1/1 remodel! sunny/serene Re/Max in Motion, Maria/Randa 522-7110 \$215,000
- 4241 GILBERT ST, Large sunny duplex nr Pied Ave, 2bd & studio J. T. Ward Realtors, Barbara Kaml 855-6021 \$210,000
- 56 MONTELL ST, off Piedmont Ave 2bd/1ba quiet tree lined street Owner 653-1096 \$209,500
- 3859 ENOS AVE, Redwood Hts 2+bd/1b nw listing! house + studio Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460 \$198,000
- 4100 MALCOLM, 2+bd/1+ba, On net, see www.m-mod.com/kmc Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, K. Hassan 869-4214 \$197,500
- 4210 KNOLL AVE, Redwood Hts 2bd/1ba new listing, bungalow, yd Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460 \$194,000
- 7628 HILLMONT, Millsmont 2bd/1ba country retreat, 1/2 acre, mint! Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501 \$190,000
- 441 RICH ST, Temescal, 2bd craftsman, frml dining, lg kitchen and yard, built-in, oak flrs, fireplace, quiet street. Owner 654-0383 \$189,500
- 3337 KANSAS ST, 2bd/1ba, gourmet kit, FDR, garden, det garage Gadsby & Associates, Joe 748-5300 SUNDAY 2-4 \$189,000
- 2924 CALIFORNIA, Laurel 2bd/1ba, charm, privacy, workshop Mason-McDuffie 339-8888, P. Mitchell 869-4234 \$189,000
- 3330 WISCONSIN, Redwood Heights 3/1 charming trad, hwdns Better Homes, Martha Shin 531-8643 \$187,000
- 5300 COLE ST, Maxwell Park 3bd/2ba, hwdn floors, grt gardens Better Homes, Jody Edmonson 287-9524 \$177,500
- 6222 DOVER ST, Beautiful craftsman, 2/1, FDR, remodel kit, garden The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400 \$176,000
- 9106 CASTLEWOOD, Oak Knoll nw listing! 2bd/1ba, A-1 condition Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, L. Hassan 869-4209 \$172,500
- 5290 BROADWAY TER #201, Rckrdge 2/2 super condo, small bldg J. T. Ward Realtors, Barbara Wilcox 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4 \$169,000
- 5405 NORMANDIE AVE, 2bd in mint condition, master workshop Winters Realty, Ronda 769-1606 SUNDAY 2-4 \$168,000
- 2522 TRUMAN, 1st open! bay view, 1900 sq ft, hwdns, lg yard Wells & Bennett, Noll Davis 531-7000 \$168,000
- 6109 OUTLOOK AVE, Mills College 2/1, oversized rms, frpl dbl gar Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036 \$168,000
- 3521 WILSON, Oakland 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Linda Goldman 486-1495 \$168,000
- 3945 HARRISON #21, Rose Garden 2/2 remodeled, 12-unit bldg Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460 \$159,000
- 3900 DELMONT, Charming cottage, 2bd, enclosed porch, deck Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Nancy Taussig 524-8249 \$159,000
- 3014 MILLSBRAE, 3bd/2ba Med nr Mills College, FDR, det garage Gadsby & Associates, Ben 748-5300 SATURDAY 1-3 & SUNDAY 2-4 \$159,000
- 541 MANDANA, 3bd/1+ba Coldwell Banker, Dave Moss 486-1495 \$157,500
- 3606 GLEN PARK, Charming 2bd/1ba split level Tudor, plus area Templeton Company, Anne Van Dyke 652-2133 X142 SUNDAY 2-4 \$157,500
- 2455 FRANCES ST, Maxwell Pk 3bd, bay vw, hwdns, lg yd, garage Wells & Bennett, Kaie Phillips 531-7000 \$154,000

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Events...

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quired. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554.

Piedmont Adult School presents Realtor Terry Kulka's classes

Thinking of Selling Your Home? Sat. March 23, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and **Taking the Confusion Out of Purchasing Your Home**, Sat. March 30, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The March 23 session will cover the kinds of improvements necessary to maximize sales price, the best time of the year to place a home on

the market and the steps necessary prior to selling a home. The session on March 30 will cover how to begin looking for a home, the decision to work with a realty agent or on your own as well as an update on consumer protection laws that pertain to real estate transactions. To register call 420-3655.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203k mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate**

for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product, Tues., April 2, 7 to 9 p.m., 21060 Redwood Road, Suite 110, Castro Valley. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan product to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call 1-800-801-1320 ext. 240 for other times and locations.

The Hillside Gardeners of Montclair present **The Perennial**

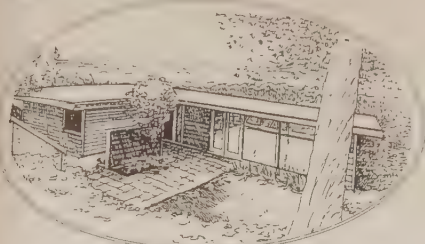
Garden...Tips and Tricks of the Trade featuring local horticultural consultant and designer Michael Barclay, 11:30 Tues., March 26 at the new Joaquin Miller Community Center, 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. bring your lunch, coffee and tea will be provided.

Architects Kathryn McCamant and Charles Durrett, authors of **Cohousing: A Contemporary Approach**, will host a **Cohousing slide presentation**, Tues., March 26, 7 p.m., at The CoHousing Company, 1250 Addison, #113 (at Bonar), Berkeley. The cost is \$5. Call 549-

9980 for more information.

Kathleen Crandall of Mason-McDuffie Real Estate, Inc. teams up with Mike Webdrige and Kai Matsuda of WebRangers Online Design to present the free seminar **Marketing Your Home On the Internet**, Wed. March 27, 7 p.m., 2077 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. Brokers, home buyers and sellers will benefit from learning how the World Wide Web works. Find out about the latest Internet technologies that can be useful in marketing a home. All levels and abilities

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3818 CERRITO AVE., Walk Piedmont Ave, darling 1bd, remod kit
Templeton Company, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134 SUNDAY 2-4

3512 PIERSON, Millsmont 2bd writers' retreat! sunny
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202

2430 POTTER, Maxwell Park 2+bd/1ba delightful Spanish Med
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Mark Ross 273-9835

550 PERKINS, Adams Point 3bd/1+ba spacious townhouse style
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

84 BAYO VISTA #201, Just listed! 2/2, walk Piedmont Ave shops
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 531-7000

666 OAKLAND AVE #203, Spacious 2bd/1+ba good looking condo
Wells & Bennett, Donna Conroy 531-7000

3825 HIGH ST #106, Redwd Hts 2bd/2ba 1-M unit, unique complex
Better Homes, Nick Lavrov 525-2727

811 YORK #213, Grand Lake, big 2bd/2ba unit, grt building
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, G. Boomer 869-4202

4018 CARRINGTON, Great starter 2bd/1ba, large kitchen
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X112 SUNDAY 2-4

625 EL Dorado #304, Luxury top floor end unit, 1bd/1ba condo,
r Pied Ave & Kaiser, covered parking. John Stasky RE 525-8800

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

1337 BROADWAY, 6bd/3ba house converted to 2-3bd units
Mason-McDuffie, Eunice Edwards 834-2010 SUNDAY 2-4:30

44 INVINCIBLE CT, Marina 2/2 Portside twmhn, on waters edge
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfeller 339-1174 SUNDAY 2-4:30

ALBANY Open Sunday

905 POLK, Cape Cod Chic, 3+bd/2ba remodel, mstr w/sitting rm
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Nancy Mueller 841-7141 SUNDAY 2-4

717 KEY ROUTE, Beautiful 3bd/2ba, new mstr bd suite, must see
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X125 SUNDAY 2-4

828 SAN CARLOS, 1st open! bright/cheery 3bd MacGregor, garden
Marvin Gardens, Sue Nelson 273-9510 SUNDAY 2-4:30

953 HILLSIDE, Albany 3bd/2+ba
Coldwell Banker, Mamood Mokhtar 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4:30

941 STANNAGE AVE, Spacious 2bd/1+ba w/remod kit, ba, lg bsmt
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X105 SUNDAY 2-4

1259 WASHINGTON, Immaculate 2 1/2 MacGregor, office or den
Marvin Gardens, Te Everson 442-6226 SUNDAY 2-4:30

1057 POMONA, Affordable 2bd nr Marin schls, central heat, lg kit
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X134 SUNDAY 2-4

711 JOHNSON, 2bd/1b, 1 block So. of Solano off Pierce, exc cond.
Mason-McDuffie 524-2526, Julianna 644-5221 SUNDAY 2-4:30

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

859 MILLER, Old World elegance, modern 4+bd, study, 2-story
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Terese Ashman 841-6501 SUNDAY 2-4

681 ALVARADO RD, Claremont, 6bd/4+ba, family rm, office, view
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

10 FOREST LANE, Classic contemporary, 6bd/3+ba, pool, bay vws
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X111 SUNDAY 2-4

13 HILLCREST CT, Classic firplan, 4bd, library, FDR, wood detail
The GRUBB Company, Bonnie Hirsch 339-0400

2801 CLAREMONT BLVD, 3+bd/4+ba Ratcliffe retreat, lg gardens
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900 SATURDAY 1-3

85 SOUTHAMPTON, Spectacular tasteful renovation by designer
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X109 SUNDAY 2-4

7000 DEVON WAY, 5bd/3ba, views in all directions, level yard
Templeton Company, Gini Erck 652-2133 X133

189 VICENTE RD, Country English 4bd/2+ba, view, cook's kit, creek
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

3201 CLAREMONT AVE, 5+bd/3+ba Georgian colonial
Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 339-4000

1153 KEELER AVE, 4+bd/2+ba architect designed, pvt setting, vws
Templeton Company, Nancy Lee Norman 652-2133 X124 SUNDAY 2-4

2783 BENVENUE, 5+bd/4ba
Coldwell Banker, Gilda Cheryl 486-1495

785 SAN DIEGO, View! Location! 4bd/4ba colonial, garden
Berkeley Hills Realty, Nancy Wilson 485-1386 SUNDAY 2-4

882 SANTA BARBARA, 3+bd/2+ba
Coldwell Banker, Lydia Meisen 486-1495

2741 ASHBY PL, New listing, Elmwood br shingle, 3/2, deck, garden
Star Realty 843-5676

135 BROOKSIDE DR, Very special '30's home, garden, deck, 4+3
Templeton Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132 SUNDAY 2-4

725 SPRUCE, 4bd/2ba
Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

210 EL CAMINO REAL, Cape Cod charm, huge attic, lg lot, 2bd/2b
J. T. Ward Realtors, Melanie Burt 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4

100 FAIRLAWN, 2bd/2ba, GG vw, atrium, wine cellar, patio, garden
Berkeley Hills Realty 524-9888, Jane Allen 527-7671 SUNDAY 2-4

43 ROCK LANE, North Berkeley Hills, 5bd/2ba mini-castle
views, low maintenance yard, Strawberry Creek RE 524-7524 SUNDAY 2-4

3082 BUENA VISTA, Stunning 3bd/2ba contemp w/in-law potential
Mason-McDuffie, Darrin Tinsley 834-2010

737 SPRUCE, 3bd/2+ba
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

587 SANTA CLARA, No. Berk 3b/1+ba colonial, gorgeous LR, FDR
Better Homes, Mark Attarha 339-4000

614 ARLINGTON, Berkeley 2bd/2ba
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495

2737 DERBY, Elmwood, spacious duplex w/remod kitchens, quiet
J. T. Ward Realtors, Pamela Landrum 845-6021 SUNDAY 2-4

1759 HOPKINS, 4bd/2ba
Coldwell Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495

485 VINCENTE, 2bd/1ba private retreat, parklike setting
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3042 COLLEGE, Turn of Century beauty! 3/3 or 2/2 w/income, yard
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577 SANTA BARBARA, 3bd/1+ba, GG view, deck, private garden
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2063 LOS ANGELES, 2bd/1+ba elegant craftsman, walk shops
Pacific Union, R. Gould 339-6460

1539 LINCOLN, Charming 2+bd craftsman, nr Monterey Market
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3239 BAKER ST, 2 hses, 2+1 & 2/1, seller motivated! submit terms
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1005 KEITH, Stunning 3+bd/2ba craftsman, views, spacious!
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2245 PRINCE ST, Cheerful cottage, quiet nghbrhd, walk BART/JC
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1635 SCENIC #6, New listing! 2bd w/vaulted ceilings, view
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1638 SACRAMENTO ST, Lg 2bd, craftsmanship, nds some work
Wells & Bennett, Steve Cowan 531-7000

2029 CHANNING, 2bd City Homes, new bldg, nr UC/BART/shops
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1412 8TH STREET, Berkeley 2bd/1ba
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1504 CARLETON #B, 1bd/1ba
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755 POMONA AVE, 3/2 remodeled old farm house, corner lot, FDR
Locators Real Estate, Sil 232-0281 SUNDAY 2-4:30

7455 ROCKWAY AVE, Charming 3bd/1+ba nr Fairmount shops
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4312 ESSEX, Classic craftsman in excellent condition, 2 units
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263 STANFORD, Kensington 3bd/1+ba
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420 HAMPTON RD, Beautiful colonial, fab detail, 4 3/4, rumpus
The GRUBB Company, Kathleen Callahan 339-0400

9 WYNGAARD AVE, 3bd/2+ba spectacular tudor by Carl Warnecke
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

33 SOTELO, Best location! corner lot, 3 3/4, ranch, FDR, patio
Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinson 339-1174

64 BELLEVUE AVE, Gorgeous trad, 4bd unit, library, lv out garden
The GRUBB Company, Anian Tunney 339-0400

34 LASALLE AVE, 3bd/2ba, all level, new kitchen/baths, light/airy
Pacific Union, Helen Danahil 547-5750

10 BONITA AVE, 3+bd/1+ba charming craftsman, central location
Pacific Union, Martha Holstlaw 339-6460

200 ESTATES, Entertainers delight! 3bd/3ba, rumpus, decks, view
Coldwell Banker, Donna Ranslem 339-1174

19 CALVERT CT, Move right in! 3/2, wonderful kit/fam rm, pvt yd
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

202 MAGNOLIA, Charming 3bd, 2 office, custom remod kit, yard
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1125 WARFIELD AV, Pristine craftsman, 4+2, nw kit, rumpus, FDR
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10 BLAIR AVE, 3+bd/2ba Medit w/sunny yd, central location
Pacific Union, Dibi Fitzgerald 339-6460

1696 GRAND AVE, 2bd/2ba, formal dining, family rm, 1950 sq ft
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Suzanne Yamamoto 644-5477

1050 HARVARD, Updated CA bungalow, 3bd/2ba, new carpet
Coldwell Banker, Joan Alford 339-1174

1063 RANLEIGH WAY, Charming 3bd/1ba bungalow w/hwd floors
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1 SOUTHWIND CIRCLE, 4bd/2+ba new home, gated community,
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Gadsby & Associates, Margaret 748-5300 SUNDAY 2-4

358 MAUD ST, 2+bd/2b remodel, dream kit, den/fam rm, mstr suite
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538 LEWIS, New listing! pristine 2bd/1ba charmer
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Internet seminar set for Wednesday

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Mortgage rates on the rise

In its latest Primary Mortgage Market Survey released Thurs., March 14, 1996 the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association (Freddie Mac) announced that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed rate mortgages rose almost half a percentage point to 7.83 from 7.38 percent the week of March 7.

This is the highest that the average has been since Aug. 25, 1995 when the thirty-year fixed rate stood at 7.88 percent. The rate one year ago was 8.38 percent.

Lenders were asking an average of 5.55 percent for the initial rate of a Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs), up 15 basis points from last week's average of 5.40 percent. The average starting rate for Treasury-indexed ARMS was 6.44 percent this time in 1995.

Rates on the 15-year fixed rate mortgage, a popular option in the refinancing market, averaged 7.32 percent, like the 30-year fixed rate for the

15-year fixed was up almost half a percentage point from last week's figure of 6.87 percent. This loan averaged almost percent this time last year.

"Mortgage interest rates followed the sharp rise in the market last week," said Freddie Mac's Chief Economist Robert Van Order.

This year Freddie Mac celebrates the 25th consecutive year of the Primary Mortgage Market Survey, having tracked mortgage interest rates since 1971.

On Feb. 29, 1996, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board pegged the 11th District Cost of Funds Index (COFI) for March payments at 5.033 percent, down from the 5.059 percent that was in effect for February.

The COFI is the index widely used by the savings and loan industry for its adjustable rate mortgages. The COFI is set at 3 p.m. the last business day of each month and remains in effect for the entire following month.

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For local newspaper, 3.4 to full-time. Must be a self-starter who is well-organized, takes initiative, able to complete multiple tasks simultaneously and meet deadlines. Some telemarketing, newspaper and telemarketing experience helpful. Fast-paced, friendly environment. Fax resume and salary history to: (510)339-6101 or mail to: 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland, CA 94611. No phone calls please.

OFFICE clerk, part-time 3-4 hours per day, flexible schedule, \$7 per hour. GM Associates Inc. Call 430-0806, 8-7

OFFICE help, part-time, Proficient in MS Word, Excel, English. Casual office. Fax resumes to: 261-4650

ORTHODONTIC RDA, minimum 3 years experience. Send resumes to: P.O. Box 1982, Orinda 94563

PART-TIME Retail Storage Manager to work 4 days and Saturdays and occasional weekday evenings. Must have some computer skills, experience in sales and handwork. Call (510)452-4734

PLUMBER/ sewer contractor with California license, for sub-contractor work. Send resume to: Telesis Plumbing, P.O. Box 497, Berkeley 94701

PRESCHOOL Teacher 12 ECE units required. Full/Part-time, benefits. Smiles Day School, Montclair district 339-3830

PROFESSIONAL Courier Service Drivers. HCM Direct Delivery, 19966 Biggs, San Leandro 94577. 510-351-3339 ext. 532

PROGRAM Assistant, part-time for E Sobriety Adult Day Care. Must enjoy working with frail elderly. Energetic and creative. Spanish speaking a plus. Call Marie, 666-1005

Deadlines, Policies, Cancellations

Ads Beginning: Tuesday/Thursday Friday
Service Ads: Tuesday/Thursday Friday
Legal Ads: Tuesday/Thursday Friday
Ads Containing Artwork: Friday
Holidays: 11 a.m. one week prior to regular deadline
Holidays: 11 a.m. previous business day

Policies
We make every effort to avoid errors in advertisements. Please check your ad the first day it appears. If an error is noticed, call (510) 339-8777 immediately to inform us and to make the correction. We are not responsible for more than one incorrect insertion, or for errors that do not affect the value of the ad. Liability is limited to the cost of space occupied by the error. We cannot promise the order in which ads appear under one heading.

Cancellations
Please retain the number you are given at the time you place your cancellation order. No adjustments will be made without a cancellation number. REFUNDS AND CREDITS WILL BE ISSUED FOR REMAINING FULL WEEKS ONLY.

Rates

(510) 339-8777

For the following rate your ad will appear 7 times during the week!

Words	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	ea. add'l'l. week*
1-15	31.00	58.90	86.80	114.70	27.90
16-20	37.70	72.30	106.90	141.50	34.60
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26-30	51.10	99.10	147.10	195.10	48.00
31-35	57.80	112.50	167.20	221.90	54.70
36-40	64.50	125.90	187.30	248.70	61.40
ea. add'l'l. 5 words	6.70	12.40	20.10	26.80	6.70

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Mail/Fax-a-Want-Ad Form

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Make checks payable to: The Hills Newspapers, Inc. Fax (510) 339-6101

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Classification Name: _____ No. _____
(See the Index on first page of the Classifieds for Classification Names and Numbers.)

Start date _____ Number of weeks ad is to run _____

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Name on Credit Card _____

Signature _____

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BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found, Giveaway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks).

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland.

FOREIGN Student. Can you share your home and family with a 17 year old Colombian High School Student? Excellent home needed for Fall/Winter 1996. Expenses paid, reasonable help in home okay. English speaking family only. Not a room rental. Call sponsors at 523-6732.

205 Workshops & Classes

FOREIGN students from Hungary, 12 years old, looking for host family for 6 weeks. 658-9744

206 Found

FEMALE Ridgeback mix, sable shepherd and young male black lab. Owner I.D. or adoption. 530-6665.

BLACK dog, medium size, Keller Ave. near Zoo and Naval Hospital, mid-January. 483-4829.

CAT, white, Solano and Cerrito St. 526-2691.

CAT, black, white paws and chest, female. Healthy, friendly. February 14, Piedmont Ave. area. 654-5062.

CAT, young, black & gray tabby, white chest/paws. Found March 5, James/Clifton (Rockledge). 655-2488.

COIN purse in Montclair Village, March 15. Call to describe. Curt, 482-4190.

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless kittens/cats. Assistance provided. Jarc 510-444-3204.

FREE Firewood. 444-4038.

ONE adorable cat needs home, female, spayed, good health, age 7. 339-3885.

"HEY-CAT", 4 years, male, black/white stomach. Affectionate, friendly, neutered. Others available. Donor: Marc 444-3204

ANTIQUE tub, 1910 claw foot in good condition. Yours for the taking. 654-9937; 530-9105

HIDE-A-BED, green. You pick up yourself. 525-5957

RHODESIAN Ridgeback dog, 1 year, excellent health, great temperament. Rhodesian Ridgeback chow mix puppies. 510-534-6064

RECREATION LEADER OR AIDE

Part-time position (19 hours or under per week afternoons) Implementing and planning curriculum for children 4-6 at a site of the City of Piedmont's Schoolmats Child Care Program. Prefer 6-12 ECE or related college units and at least one year of experience to be a Teacher/Recreation leader. Send resume and writing samples to: Editor, The Montclair, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, CA 94619. No phone calls please.

Piedmont Department of Recreation

358 Hillside Avenue
Piedmont, CA 94611

Albany YMCA Summer Adventures

Staff positions available. Send resume and/or letter of interest to: Albany YMCA, 921 Kaines Ave., Albany 94706

ANIMAL lovers-Part-time home visit pet sitting

Bondable, reliable, gas efficient car, available before 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. 0-6 ECE or related college units with no experience needed to be a Recreation Aide. Hourly salary \$4.50-\$6. Send resume and cover letter to:

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FREE LANCE WRITERS

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GENERAL medical office Typing (35-40 wpm)

Phone experience. Part-time to start. Send resume to: Attention Suzanne, 3300 Webster Street, Suite 312, Oakland 94609.

Hotel Business Center, Part-Time, 10-25 hours/week, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. shifts, \$8/hour

Strong customer service, precise office skills, Accurate typing, Windows/Word preferred. Luxury hotel environment. Resume or letter to: P&S Business Center, 41 Tunnel Road, Berkeley 94705, or fax: 848-6208

HOUSECLEANERS Immediate opening Monday-Friday, day hours, benefits and weekly pay. Fax resume to: Home Locals, 254-5141; 832-1210

IMPORTANCE paid to maturity, experience, computer, insurance, home location, Home Aides, part-time to 24 hours care. A Caring Connection. 524-8076.

LABOR: \$6/hour starting. Need valid driver's license and truck or van. Part-time. 658-7903

LANDSCAPE Maintenance, part-time. Plant knowledge, hard worker, English speaking, flexible. Must be focused, productive. 428-9158

RECEPTIONIST

The World's Largest Human Resource Provider has an exciting opportunity to join a successful, modern professional, FUN office environment if you think you can handle heavy phone traffic, data input and general office duties this may be the position you have been looking for. We are willing to train the right person and offer a good base salary plus complete benefits package included. 401K

CALL NOW!!!

SALES CONSULTANTS

480 Roland Way, Suite 103
Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 635-1419
FAX: (510) 562-7237

RECEPTIONIST/Secretary, full-time position for Oakland Construction Co. Organized, detail oriented, highly articulate, strong customer service abilities, computer experience desirable. Fax resume to: 510-569-5425. Attention Debbie

REPORTERS

The Montclair is looking for experienced news and feature writers to cover a variety of general assignment duties. We are looking for in-depth, well-crafted stories that explore the issues, events and personalities that make our community tick. Full-time and part-time positions available. Send resume and writing samples to: Editor, The Montclair, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, CA 94619. No phone calls please.

RETAIL sales full and part-time for Montclair's newest and exciting store "What The Traveler Saw" - Premium travel experience a must. Pay based on experience to \$7/hour. 339-8152

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL

Offers programs for our children ages 18 months to 6 years. 547-6447

SMILES DAY SCHOOL

Pre-school program 2.5-5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30-6:00. 339-3830

TALBOT Street Preschool, Berkeley/Albany area. Educational art, dance, music, outdoors. Call for tour 528-4401

MONTCLAIR Community Play Center. Enroll now for Parent cooperative preschool Morning Program. 8010214388 339-7213

303 Instruction & Tutoring

A LEARNING PLACE

Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing. Oakland/Berkeley 531-2500

READING AND MATH TUTOR

Experienced, credentialed teacher, creative and energetic, has helped many students achieve rapid progress. References: Alan 763-3918

COMPUTER SPECIALIST

Teaches Windows, installs upgrades. Configures and advises. \$25/hour. Call Cherie 739-9454

MAC CLASSES

A St. Paul's School Community Program, Oakland. Intro to Mac, Photoshop, Internet and others. Evenings/Saturdays. YZone 510-832-7300

BLOOD Drawing Phlebotomy course by Boston Reed Company. Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered institution. #2800291

304 Musical Instruction

ROCKENBACH guitar and bass lessons. 25 years experience. Very patient. Ages 9-90. 531-5625 message

VOICE lessons, beginning and advanced. Classical technique, repertoire, experienced professional singer. Patricia Hyde-Thomas, 510-234-8130

PIANO Lesson Jazz, Blues, Classical, more. Experienced, patient. All ages. First lesson free. Ariel, 865-3943

PIANO Lessons for your heart and soul. Experienced teacher and performer. Treat yourself! 654-1849

VOCAL Coaching-Pop, R&B, Jazz, Show Tunes. Vocal guitar, piano lessons. B.A. Music Rich Kaiman 524-6797

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING REP

Part-time position in our Alameda bi-weekly newspaper office (16-24 hours weekly). Duties include customer service and data entry. Must enjoy working with people, take initiative, be flexible and complete tasks with little supervision. \$8 per hour. Mail resume to: Classified Advertising Manager, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland 94611. Fax (510)339-6101. Or call (510)339-8777 after 1 p.m.

CLERK/receptionist training position in Montclair law office, 2-3 hours/day, schedule negotiable, \$7-\$8. Fax resume to: 339-7020

COMPUTER

PROGRAM YOUR CAREER!

Use your talents to put yourself into the green:
• Database management/Training, Coordinator • Paradox, Excel, Oracle/guesses, Several openings \$45-\$70K
• Information Systems/Managers and programmers - applications, several openings..... to \$50K
• Order Entry Administrator • Corporate, 10-key skills to \$28K

Call: 272-9911 or fax 272-0212 or e-mail bradford@anlmds.com, BRADFORD STAFF, 1970 Broadway, Oakland 94612.

COUNTER POSITION, 30-40 hours (7-3 p.m.), available for coffee bar cafe. Must have experience, Emeryville, corporate environment, \$7/hour, plus great tips. 547-2477

COUNTER position, Saturday position only, Berkeley dry cleaners. Hourly wage plus bonus. Mr. Green 848-2808

COUNTER/ Rental Equipment, Hands-On, Lifting, Phones, Computer, Training, \$10 Lessor Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland, 893-9612

Paginator/Typesetter

Hills Newspaper is looking for someone to provide part-time pagination, copy editing and typesetting. Applicant should be confident paginator, with excellent grammar and copy editing skills, and be able to work three evenings a week. Aldus Pagemaker experience a must. Knowledge of newspaper pagination a plus. Please send letter and resume to Hills Newspaper, c/o Scott Nicolosi, 5707 Redwood Road, Suite 10, Oakland, 94619. No phone calls please.

MECHANIC/ Brake- Tune-up, Smog License, Tools. Days/14 hour Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland 893-9612

MEDICAL Secretary/ Data Entry for surgical journal office. WordPerfect 5.1 (DOS), Paradox (DOS); MS Word and Access; 60 wpm. Requires detail oriented, highly organized person with excellent verbal and written communication skills. 25 hours/week. Position available immediately. Fax resume, salary history and computer experience to (510)534-5639

NEED extra income? Sales position, upscale women's consignment shop. Friday/Saturday 11-4. Clothesport 893-8194

OAKLAND Film Producer seeks permanent part-time Administrative assistant. Must be expert in Macintosh. 10-12 hours per week. \$12/hour. References 510-428-1984

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING 339-8777

Garage & Estate Sales

ALBANY- 846 Masonic Ave. (Albany Senior Center). Friends of the Albany Seniors. Saturday 10-3

ALBANY- 714 Solano Ave. Sunday, March 17, Saturday March 23, 10-4. Everything must go!

ALBANY- 530 Talbot Ave. Sunday March 24th, 9:30-7. Moving, Big Garage Sale. Furniture, books, kitchenware, appliances, bicycle, television, toys.

ESTATE SALE

ALBANY- 1306 Portland Ave., at Key Route Blvd. Saturday, Sunday, 9-3. Sticky rocker, oak desk, 1950's twin bed with desk, grandfather's clock, dressers, jewelry, prints, depression glass, small figurines, tons more. RHA

BERKELEY- Malcom X School, Ashby Ave. 2 blocks West of Ashby BART Station. Saturday, March 23rd, 9-3. Gigantic 50 family flea market. Live music, food, activities for the kids

BERKELEY- 2810 Colinton Road, 9-5. Moving sale: Living, dining, bedroom furniture, golf clubs, much more

BERKELEY- 1540 Bonita Ave., near Cedar Saturday 9-4. Tools, collectables, clothing. Antiques, household

FLEA MARKET EXTRAVAGANZA SCHOOL FUNDRAISER Saturday, March 23 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Room 206 of Malcom X Middle School in Berkeley will host a gigantic flea market on the school playground, at the corner of Ashby Ave. and King St. (two blocks west of the Ashby BART station). More than 30 families have donated quality used items which include toys, bikes, baby supplies, household goods, furniture, exercise equipment and clothing for men, women and children. There will be a barbecue and bake sale, as well as Raffle ticket sales and two grand prizes worth \$500 each. Many local restaurants and retail stores have donated prizes for the raffle. Tickets are \$1 each for 6 for \$5. Everything must go! No early birds, please

MONTCLAIR Estates- 2020 Mountain Blvd. Oakland consignment store. Thousands of collectibles, antiques, furniture, silver, dishes and art. Open Monday, Friday, 11-7. Saturday, 10-6. Sunday, 11-5. Accepting consignment each Wednesday 3pm-6pm

OAKLAND-Corpus Christi! School at Park Blvd. Garage Sale Saturday, March 23, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Good quality pre-owned children's clothes, toys, household items on sale

WAREHOUSE

★ PIANO SALE ★ Up To 50% OFF! 2 DAYS ONLY SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10 AM-6 PM COLTON PIANO 2421 Perata St., Oakland 510-836-1564

OAKLAND- 5890 Broadway Terr. Saturday, 10-4, Sunday, 10-2. Estate. Victorian armchair, loveseat. Lots of glass, silver, china, miscell. items

OAKLAND- 4209 Howe St. Saturday, March 23rd/Sunday 24th, 10-2. Kitchenware (like new), collectibles, chairs, lots more

OAKLAND- 3702 Grand, March 19-30. Gigantic 70% off sale, women's up-scale clothing. Clothesport, 893-8194

ADAMS & ADAMS ESTATE SALE SAN FRANCISCO- 3906 Washington St. March 22, 23, 24, 10 to 3

Classifieds Get Results!! 339-8777

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401 Help Wanted

SALES clerk needed. Small retail store is seeking part-time help for late afternoons. Qualifications: On time, reliable, honest, able to type accurately, good communication skills, good organization skills. Some computer skills necessary. Pay based on experience. \$5-77/ hour. Hours: Monday, Friday 2:30-6:30 p.m., Saturdays 10-4 p.m. Located in Albany. For interview call 524-4625 between 12-3, ask for Bill.

SECRETARY needed. 25-30 hours/week. Prior office experience necessary. Until April 15th. Montclair 482-1015.

TEACHERS and Aides, before and after school childcare/enrichment program. Arts, crafts, sports, music, drama. Health benefits. Resume to: Adventure Time, P.O. Box 5009, Berkeley 94705.

TELEMARKETING
For janitorial service, part-time, days \$81 hour plus bonus. 510-635-9718.

VARIOUS part-time positions, day/evening available at Emeryville Wholesale Gourmet cookie company. Recorded message, 540-0231.

VETERINARY Technicians/ receptionist, progressive East Bay practice. Resume: CVC, 944 San Pablo Ave., Albany 94706.

WANTED experienced full-time jewelry sales, light bookkeeping applications available. (510)653-7789, J. Sahadi Jewellers.

WOMAN chiropractor seeking part-time office assistant; people and computer friendly. Send resumes to: S. Conrad D.C., 1301 Solano, Albany 94706.

402 Independent Employment

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

\$40,000 YEAR INCOME POTENTIAL
Home typists/ PC users. Toll free 800-898-9778, ext. 7-7057 for listings.

\$35,000 YEAR INCOME POTENTIAL
Reading books. Toll Free 800-898-9778 extension R-7057 for details.

WILDLIFE/ CONSERVATION JOBS
Game wardens, security, maintenance, etc. No experience necessary. Now hiring. For information call: 219-794-0010 ext. 8324 8 a.m.-8 p.m. 7 days.

403 Salon Opportunities

HAIRSTYLIST Manicurist needed, low rent high commission. College Ave. 652-5454.

HAIR designing station and massage therapist room available. Full service salon. Arden, 521-6424.

ATTENTION best Grand Ave. location, Salon de France, private room, now hiring for rent. Rafael, 444-8618.

MANICURIST'S space in largest tanning salon in East Bay. We can add to your already established clientele. \$270/month. \$300-1300.

ARTISTIC salon has stylist and manicurist stations available for self-motivated professionals ready to join our team. Rent or employee welcomed. Call Cheryl at 893-2577.

PIEDMONT Avenue street-level 400 sq. ft., office/retail. Ideal nail salon or sim. for. 644-5441.

405 Employment Exchange

BERKELEY Rose Garden Studio, private patio entrance, laundry privileges. Exchange 15+ hours housework/week. Parking. Near public transportation. Local references, non-smoking \$26-484, evenings.

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627.

CENTRAL American references seek employment in housecleaning, gardening, childcare, painting, moving. Skilled and reliable. 533-1119.

EXPERIENCED Administrative assistant seeks part-time position. Excellent communication, organizational, computer skills. Self-started, detail-oriented, flexible. 536-5606.

407 Employment Information

JOIN a career strategy group for women. Get the job you want. Susan Urquhart-Brown 531-2071.

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

NEED warm, responsible caretaker for infant, 16 hours/week. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Rockridge. Drivers license, English speaking preferred. 955-1703.

HOUSEKEEPER, full-time, wanted for 1 elderly but active lady in Walnut Creek. Will give board, nice private room and bath plus salary. Reference will be checked. Reply: Box J, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland 94611.

EXPERIENCED housekeeper and childcare for 10 year old girl, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday full days; Monday, Thursday half days. CDL, fluent English, references required. 510-527-7614.

HOUSEKEEPER cook, live-in Piedmont, Monday-Friday, 40 hours/week. References required. 655-1457.

409 Childcare Wanted

MOTHER'S helper, 3 and 10 year old children, 3-7 p.m. Monday-Friday. English speaking, car, insurance, driver's license. 839-5695.

NANNIES
Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Moms Away, 559-9195; 803-1040.

NANNIES needed. Part-time full-time, live-in/out, \$7-12/ hour. In Berkeley, agency, car required. 933-2273. Be In Our Care Agency.

CHILD CARE Rockridge 2 children ages 4 and 7 Monday-Friday, 2:45-6:30 flexible. Full-time June and August. Car required. Good English. Experienced 654-6303 after 7 p.m.

CHILD CARE for 8 year old boy. Afternoons 2-7 p.m. Monday-Friday. Car necessary. 652-9968.

SEEKING experienced, caring nanny for 2 infants, 50 hours per week. \$7-10 per hour. Must have car, references, English speaking, non-smoking. Crocker Highlands. 832-5363.

FULL-TIME childcare for adorable 1 year old in my Crocker Highland home. English speaking, must drive. 632-7607.

CHILD CARE, 3 children, ages 3, 5, 8. Monday-Thursday, 1-8 flexible. Car, English speaking, references \$9/ hour. 339-7212.

BABYSITTER wanted to care for 21 month twins. Experienced, Spanish speaking for Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8-6 p.m. Call 339-4021.

TOWN & COUNTRY NANNIES

Immediate openings
515-567-0956

• Walnut Creek, live-in nanny, full-time, 1 year old girl. Car provided \$1200/month.
• Oakland Hills, live-out nanny. Share care 2 infants, 8-5 Monday, Thursday, 8-1 Friday. CDL, car a must \$10/hour.

CHILD CARE Wanted for 2 children, Monday-Thursday, 12-6 p.m. Must have car. Piedmont. 655-1457.

410 Shared Childcare

NORTH BERKELEY share experience, great nanny with 5 month infant. Full/part-time our home. 528-8725.

OUTSTANDING caregiver for four infants/toddlers has April opening. Meets in parent's Rockridge home. Nurturing, reliable, full-time care, stable setting, excellent rates. Deborah 652-1052.

411 Childcare - Licensed

OVER The Rainbow Daycare, loving, safe, fun, educational, outings, experienced, credentialed teacher. Deborah, 801026900 339-2066.

411 Childcare - Licensed

FAMILY day care in Kensington, age 0-4. Feel free to come and visit. Siomara, 528-9959. License #073400315.

CARING, sharing and respect for your child age 2 months to 5 years in my home daycare. Meals, diapers and Nip/Nicote 848-7470. #013411296.

CINDERELLA Daycare El Cerrito, day/night experienced, responsible, meals included. Good rates. #4503984 Maria, 526-1483.

412 Babysitting Offered

CHILD CARE position wanted, 15 years experience, excellent references, CPR, first aid. Dependable. Loves toddlers. 839-7127.

CPR Save Lives. Adults, pediatric 2 hours, \$25 Certification. Day, night, weekend classes. #10740-5281, (510)233-3363.

FULL-TIME Childcare position wanted. Loving, responsible, excellent references, has car, 16 years experience. 536-6376/531-3148.

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job, call a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408.

ABLE CARE INC.

Personal, quality 24 hour live-in care and companionship for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your own home. Bonded and insured. 510-685-4704.

A CARING CONNECTION

Bonded, quality home care. Includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076.

NURSE, RN, highly recommended by clients. Skilled, knowledgeable, compassionate, comforting. Excellent references. #0510-428-0675.

MATURED, compassionate woman available for care/companionship for disabled seniors for evenings and weekends. 444-1207.

FINANCIAL**501 Businesses For Sale**

FLORIST, Oakland area, gross \$200K. Will train. 1-800-344-9557. Make offer. Established 50 years.

502 Business Opportunities & Services

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?

Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position.

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS
I invest my money and sales experience to help your company grow. You have been in business full time for at least 2 years. You are very good at what you do but can use help in sales and marketing. If this is your situation, and you're ready to grow, please call and let's talk. Jack. 510-521-0973

MAKE \$135 AN HOUR

\$120,000 Home based service; Be your own boss. Lucrative potential, repeat business. Restore commercial residential ceilings and walls using our simple spray on, cost saving method. To reserve areas call 800-955-1215

DAYLE Maloney and Kevin Trudeau make MLM history as seen on Channel 36. You can succeed with this NASDAQ listed business. 814-2233, 24 hour recording.

505 Investments

FANTASTIC INVESTMENT!
Executive Condos • Tennis Court
Pool • Professional Management • Cash Flow
TOTAL \$50,000

IRA's at 401K's Keys
Call (510)533-7055
Free Video & Investment Package

FOR SALE**601 Antiques & Art**

TALISMAN Antiques, 20%-40% off all items. 5815 College, Oakland. Open 12-7 daily. 653-7598.

CLAW-FOOT Bathub. Circa old. \$65. You haul. 268-7662, 8-5 p.m.

602 Appliances

WEDGEWOOD stove in perfect condition, 6 burners, 2 ovens, warmer. \$1750. 893-6336.

603 Garage & Estate Sales**GARAGE SALE ADS?**

See **Clip 'n' Go** on the 1st page of Classified Ads

605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details.

MATTRESS Sets. Twin, \$89. Full, \$109. Queen, \$159. Scaled, \$299. Sofa with loveseat, \$399. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest beds, 1 bedroom sets, roll-aways, Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1990.

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 866-8127.

QUEEN size platform bed/ headboard, perfect condition, natural reddish wood, 4 drawers; \$200. 806-5968, 339-6443.

ENGLISH oak kitchen square table, 4 chairs, 36x36 inch, 36x60 inch, \$225. (510)530-8842.

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

BAHAMA Cruise, 5 days/4 nights underbooked! Must sell \$279 for two, limited tickets 800-414-1151, ext. 0087, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.

FIREWOOD, 5000 Coliseum Way, Oakland, 7-430 daily. Quantities to \$10. Pick-up/delivery. Inquiring about Spring/Summer discounts. Day 635-1778.

COLOR TV 19" RCA and VHS/ VCR. Both work great. \$70 each. 531-3631.

GOING out of business: gift basket supplies, herbs, gourmet foods, baskets and more. Heidi. (510)733-9021.

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club on Redwood Road. Full membership. Price is negotiable. Call 510-523-0330.

APARTMENT size Baby Grand Piano; Mahogany Chickering Harp- needs tuning. \$1500. Sears Lifestyle. Tremblin, 8 mph, practically new. \$300. 531-7618.

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

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712 2 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

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Lakeshore - 1 bedroom right by Lake Merritt. Large, bright, hardwood floors, good natural light. Lake view. Walk-in closets. All utilities included. Call 452-3572.

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ONE bedroom 1 bath. New wall-to-wall carpeting. 1120 Hollywood. Very quiet neighborhood. Agent Chuck 763-9901.

1920's LAKE JEWEL
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Master - 2 bedroom (1 ideal for office), clean, natural light, fresh paint. Quiet 8 unit building. Shared decks. Laundry. Second month 1/2 parking available. Call 531-6969.

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SELECT Lake Merritt, garage available. 652-634-9471.

LARGE 2 bedroom, quiet building, Piedmont. Recently remodeled, laundry, parking. 452-3572.

TWO bedroom master suite, security building. Third district, 2943 MacArthur. Conveniently located. 530-4799.

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HORMON Temple area, 2 bedroom in quiet building, cathedral ceiling, laundry, off-street parking. No pets. Lease only. 451-6533.

NEWLY remodeled top duplex. New kitchen, refrigerator. Quiet. Near transportation. Includes utilities. 656-5796.

OAKLAND Hills large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, carpeted, laundry room, garage. 452-3572.

TWO bedroom Victorian near Lake Merritt/ Rockridge, partial basement, pet parking, fireplace. 535-1682.

SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 1 bath with balcony. Full kitchen, bath in fourplex. Rilea Way/ 10th St. Agent DORIE 763-9901.

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726 2 BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

8900 TWO bedroom, 2 bath 430 Merritt. Security, carpet, laundry, no pets. Deposit. 452-3255.

825 CONDO near Piedmont, cozy, architecturally exciting, laundry, microwave, dishwasher. 473 Jean (Santa Clara). 272-9512.

265 LARGE balcony with quiet mountain view. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, dishwasher. Oakland Hills. 655-2399.

ROCKRIDGE
Sunny, spacious, 2 bedroom, pool, off-street parking. Close to transportation/ shopping/ colleges. 655-5970.

850 GLENVIEW duplex, 1611-15 Vista. Appliances, mini-blinds, carpeting, drapes, hook-ups, garden, garage. Transportation/ storage/ parking. Available April. Quiet, non-smoking, long-term, no dogs. (510)534-1341.

\$850 JUST REDECORATED
Elegant marble entry, city view, Bay windows, 4 walk-in closets, blinds, carpeting, and appliances. Most utilities included in rent. Laundry on premises. Inside parking available. 893-1826.

850 Two bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, deck, secured parking, no pets. 265 Jayne. Agent, no fee. Chuck 763-9901.

875 CONDO, Adams Point, quiet street, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, sunny, top floor, parking. 260 Perkins. 639-3100.

895 1200 SQUARE foot, 2 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood floors, laundry, sun, garden, vintage 1940's building, 2 car parking. 654-6413.

725 WARFIELD
Large 2 bedroom in 4 unit quiet building. Ceiling fans. Parking. Close to transportation and shopping. One year lease. Cats okay. 465-9064.

825 SUNNY, large 2 bedroom, patio, yard, sun porch, large kitchen view. No pets. 444-4984.

890 ADAMS Point luxury 2 bedroom, 2 full bath, fireplace, 1200 sq. ft. 839-2387; 835-5916.

890 SUNNY 2nd floor duplex, wall-to-wall carpets, garage. 4538 Park Blvd./ El Centro. 763-5202.

SPECTACULAR LAKE VIEW
Extra large 2 bedroom, hardwood floors, tiled kitchen bath, big closets, small building, garage, laundry. 451-9140.

975 GORGEOUS Lake view. Large deck, fireplace, separate dining, dishwasher, parking, non-smoking. No pets. 451-0191.

995 CHARMING, sunny Victorian 2 bedroom upper flat. Hardwoods. Near Piedmont Ave., 31 Moss. 655-1773.

1000 PIEDMONT Avenue area. Upper sunny flat. Hardwoods, laundry. Quiet neighborhood. Share yard. Non-smoking. 620-0320.

1000 TWO bedroom, 2 bath, light and airy unit in gracious Lake Royal. Large rooms, separate dining, lots of storage. 24 hour door man. Close to Lake and transportation. 177 19th St. DORIE (Agent) 763-9901.

1075 UPPER Rockridge, 2 bedroom townhouse, hardwood floors, private garage, walk to BART. 763-2163.

1095 RENOVATED huge 2+ bedroom penthouse, secured 1920's Mediterranean building, wooded area, 1500 sq. ft., new kitchen, dining room, extra bedroom/ office. Parking, laundry, near Summit Hospital. Call Frank 465-5560.

1200 BROADWAY Terrace Condo. Beautiful secure building. Convenient location. Two bedroom, 2 bath. 656-7338.

1200 ROCKRIDGE duplex, newly painted, clean, hardwood floors, pool, carport. Pets okay. BART/ shopping. 465-9064.

1500 REGILLUS PENTHOUSE, elegant, Old World charm with Lake view, 1 1/2 baths, formal dining room, large living room with beautiful fireplace, gleaming hardwood floors. Custom fixtures, 24 hour door man, secure parking. Robin 693-4927.

1500 Two bedroom, 2 bath in elegant Regillus at 200 Lakeside Drive. Fireplace, hardwood floors, party in kitchen. By appointment only. No fee, Agent, Chuck 763-9901.

UPPER GRAND PENTHOUSE
Elegant and spacious 2 bedroom in magnificent Mediterranean style building. Carpet, roof deck, parking, laundry. Close to shopping/ transportation. All utilities. 491 Crescent. 841-5979.

1920's CHARM
Ivy Hill- Large 2 bedroom near Park Blvd. Great natural light, decorative fireplace, sunny eat-in kitchen. Walk-in, lots of closet space. New carpet and paint. Personal touches, charming and quiet 9 unit building. Private art studio available \$100. Call 531-6969.

3+ BED. APT. RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont
750 PLUS \$100 for all utilities, 3 bedroom, 1 bath flat. Large dining room, living room with hardwood, bedroom, sun, stove, refrigerator, and Shattuck/ 59th. First! last, \$250 security. 632-1229.

850 THREE bedroom upper flat in duplex. Orange St., Oakland. Washer/ dryer. Some view. 538-0192.

1050 HUGE second floor flat, near Lake Merritt/ transportation, 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, walk-up attic, off-street parking, backyard. 535-1682.

LAKE MERRITT PENTHOUSE
601 Brooklyn - 3 bedroom, 2 bath opportunity with Lake views! Intercom entry, elevator, coin laundry. Includes parking and storage! Call 763-8403 or 531-6969.

COTTAGES FOR RENT
735 Alameda
6575 AVAILABLE 1 cozy bedroom cottage, near Water, gardener paid. Plus deposit. No pets. 521-0889.

737 Berkeley
6600 MONTHLY including utilities. Studio/ cottage, 3 blocks east of Ashby/ 9th, very clean, storage, washer/ dryer, no dogs. 548-3038.

741 Oakland & Piedmont
8425 ONE bedroom, private balcony, off-street parking. Includes water and garbage. New carpet. 261-3599.

8525 REAR cottage, 2112 Coloma St., 1 bedroom, stove, refrigerator, water, garbage. Appointment only. 836-0882.

8540 ONE Bedroom secluded cottage at 1007 MacArthur Blvd. (at Alameda). Hardwood floors, full kitchen, excellent bus connections. 531-8172.

8595 HANZEL Great adorable 1 bedroom cottage, private, fenced yard, laundry, parking. Dimond District. 524-7365.

8600 ONE bedroom cottage off Telegraph, new paint, quiet area, near shops and transportation. Cat okay. Call 451-1899.

HOMES FOR RENT

745 Alameda

747 2 BED. HOME RENTALS
Alameda

11100 ABSOLUTELY charming 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Large kitchen with breakfast nook, formal dining room, drapes, stained glass, wall-to-wall, appliances, fireplace, private yard, no pets, lease. 522-4418.

748 3 BED. HOME RENTALS
Alameda

\$2500 PENTHOUSE, luxury 2600 sq. ft., beach front/ SF view, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, cathedral ceilings, fireplace, wet bar, balcony, washer/ dryer. Parking, pool, fitness center, tennis, aerobics included. 510-521-2801.

750 Albany & Kensington

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito, two, three, four bedroom cottages, flats, and houses. Berkeley Connection. 445-7821.

8940 ALBANY cute 2 bedroom, hardwood floors, dining room, laundry room and yard. 832-8328, evenings.

1050 ALBANY 2 bedroom house. Washer/ dryer, garage. Near transportation, shopping. Leave message 527-6565.

1290 ALBANY 2 bedroom, fireplace, laundry, clean, quiet. Near school, park, Solano. No pets. 525-6432.

1390 ALBANY 2 bedroom. Fireplace, yard, garage, laundry, hardwoods, carpets. Marlin/ Pomona. 837523-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

1400 ALBANY, sunny, cozy 3 bedroom, laundry, hardwoods, dishwasher, formal dining, large eat-in kitchen. 548-1925.

1450 EL CERRITO Hills 3 bedrooms. Spacious, bright, view, fireplaces, creek, no pets. 210-9700.

1625 ALBANY 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwoods, fireplace, big yard, washer/ dryer. Near Solano. 652-5999.

751 Berkeley

753 2 BED. HOME RENTALS
Berkeley

13150 ELMWOOD 2 bedroom plus flat. 1300 ft., fireplace, parking. Hillages/ Woodley. 837561-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

1500 NORTH Berkeley Hills, large 2 bedroom, skylights, new kitchen, deck, fireplace. 644-1514.

1500 OLD World Charm, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large living room, dining room, hardwood floors, large kitchen, deck, fireplace, single garage. 1735 Bancroft Way. 839-3100.

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755 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS
Berkeley

\$2100 WOODSY 4 plus plus, 3 bath, BART, fireplace, hardwood, laundry, dishwasher. 472 43rd. 420-1676.

985 EL CERRITO delightful old 2 bedroom, great sunlight, sharp condition. Basement/ work space. Non-smoking. Agent 528-9661.

1000 EL CERRITO two bedroom. View, gardener, deck, garage, laundry. Novelli/ Central 837523-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

1050 RICHMOND View 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, large living room, kitchen, fireplace, central heating. Peaceful, quiet hill location, near Tilden Park. 526-2230.

1150 THREE bedroom, 2 bath Richmond Annex. Bay views, big yard, garage. Pets negotiable. 415-456-0292.

1675 EL CERRITO 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Mira Vista Country Club. Fireplace, deck, garage. 531-1621.

8675 EL CERRITO duplex, 1 bedroom plus den. Walk to shopping, transportation. Freshly painted. 526-2230.

758 Lamorinda & East

795 ORINDA Village lovely new 1 bedroom. Charm, woodsy, own patio/ driveway, near BART. 524-1524.

759 Oakland & Piedmont

700 OFF High St., above MacArthur, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, alarm, newly remodeled, garage. 530-4963.

7950 LAUREL District, 3732 Magee, 2 bedroom remodeled, garage, yard. Quiet, convenient location. Evenings. 510-834-9998.

8255 UPPER Laurel 1 1/2 bedrooms, unfurnished house. Sunny, hill views, fenced yard, nice area. Laundry hook-up. Lease. 848-7836 day; 654-3439.

8675 COTTAGE-Lakehouse, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 4 bedrooms, hard wood floors. No pets. 6514 Wheeler St., Oakland near Shattuck and Alcatraz. Drive by, call if interested. Do not disturb tenants or walk in back. 763-6752.

8875 Two bedroom, 1 bath, close to transportation. Refrigerator, washer/ dryer. Cute as a but! Not Kramer Real Estate Service. 946-5200.

8950 NORTH Oakland. Everything new. Hardwood floors, stained glass, large yard, garage. 609 56th-35767.

761 2 BED. HOME RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

13190 TWO plus bedrooms, 1 bath, hardwoods, dining, fireplace, garage, yard, shed. Newly painted and refurbished. Quiet family neighborhood, no pets. Must see to appreciate! Available April 1. 7621 Valley Street. 531-6301.

13000 MONTCLAIR Hills, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, quiet, wooded view. 482-4880 before 9:30 p.m.

13185 TWO bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, woodsy country setting, enclosed 2 car garage, some appliances, fireplace, decks. Monday- Friday, 9-5, 834-9815.

1400 ROCKRIDGE near Claremont Country Club, charming 2+ bedroom 1 1/2 bath, formal dining, fireplace, hardwoods, garage, yard, 654-1525; 652-0168.

1600 PIEDMONT charming home. Garden, fruit trees, 1 bath, fireplace, dining room, hardwood floors, basement, level lawn, separate garage, quiet neighborhood, gardener, washer/ dryer, storage. Prefer no pets, non-smoking. (510)839-6318.

762 3 BED. HOME RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

1100 NEAR Mills College. Fireplace, sun porch, formal dining, level fenced backyard. (510)836-4995.

1200 EAST Oakland Hills 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpets and tile floors, laundry, fireplace, deck and fenced yard, quiet neighborhood, easy access. 638-3931.

13000 OAKLAND Hills, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, immaculate, big rooms, hardwood carpets, fireplaces, garage, large, secluded patio/ yard, solar. 415-665-3589.

1350 THREE bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhouse, level yard, 2 car garage, quiet location. Agent 451-1184.

1350 THREE bedroom, 2 bath immaculate home, family room, 2 fireplaces, formal dining room, beautiful grounds, 2 car garage. OK! No lease. Will show March 23. Call (510)655-2076.

1375 THREE bedroom, 1 bath, Lyman Road. Huge yard, gardener. Available April 1. 482-5077.

1415 THREE bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, fireplace, country setting, enclosed 2 car garage, woodpeckers, deck. Monday- Friday, 9-5, 834-9615.

1600 PIEDMONT, 1700 feet, remodeled bath, updated kitchen, new appliances, laundry, fireplace, hardwoods, garage, 452-8350.

1750 ROCKRIDGE Shingle, 3+ bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, large living room, dining room with hardwood floors and fireplace. Gas kitchen, breakfast room, laundry room, garage, walk to BART and College Ave. 601-8696.

1750 ROCKRIDGE 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Fireplace, yard, parking, dishwasher. Manly Clifton. 34712-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

2200 BRAND new 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath plus great loft with storage and view. Upscale Hiller Highlands, 2100 square feet, chef's kitchen, skylights, cathedral ceilings. No pets. Call Michele 531-7005.

763 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS
Oakland & Piedmont

1650 GRAND Lake, 6 bedrooms, 2 baths. Hardwood carpets, appliances, yard. 520 Chetwood St. 510-465-0678.

1800 SPACIOUS remodeled traditional, 3 bath. Fabulous master, garage, Charming Hadron Hill, near Lakeshore. 549-7832.

1850 ELEGANT living, Oakland Hills Mediterranean style. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining room, 2 car garage, modern kitchen, master suite with spa tub, walk-in closet. Mint. Fabulous canyon views. 4676 Redwood Rd. 839-3100.

2600 ROCKRIDGE new 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bath, alarm, view. Near country club, school and BART. Gardener and garbage included. 510-834-3967.

SHARE RENTALS

771 Alameda

400 SHARE 2 bedroom HBI home near stores and transportation. Quiet, with amenities. 769-6038.

450 BEAUTIFUL, 3 bedroom house, 2 1/2 bath, HBI. Clean, near transportation. Non-smoking, no pets. 521-7057.

500 TWO bedroom 2 bath beach front condo. Beautiful view. No substance abuse problems. Sharing with 1 female professional. 522-0194.

850 SHARE large HBI townhouse with female/well-trained dog. Private room/ bath, garage, washer/ dryer, fireplace, pool, quiet, non-smoking. 522-9142.

772 Albany & Kensington

773 INCLUDING utilities. Albany, garden view room. Quiet, clean female household. Non-smoking, no pets. 559-9286.

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Letters

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race track is here to stay.

A cardroom is a substantial way for Albany to generate revenue. The people voted on cardroom gaming. Were they misled? I do not think that is the case. I was not. It is my personal opinion that Citizens for Responsible Government is using the California Environmental Quality Act and environmental impact report issues because they did not like losing at the polls.

Enough is enough! People should voice their concerns without slandering our neighbors. Let's leave negative politics to presidential elections and not bring it home.

Kari Thompson
Albany

What Is there to save?

Editor:
I enjoyed Phyllis Lyon's article regarding preserving Albany Hill in your issue of Feb. 22. However, I think one point should be clarified:

POETRY

Students wrote these poems during workshops with Poet-in-Residence Judith Tannenbaum. This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Poetry headline created by Alec Scott, MacGregor High School.

Snakes slither and slide in the sunshine.
Slippery shiny fish are slimy.
Isaac Sparling, second grade
MacGregor Primary School

I AM SITTING IN THE FIRE-LIGHT

When I am sitting in the firelight
and my mother is telling me stories
it makes me feel safe.

Yuan Yuan Wang, second grade
MacGregor Primary School
Hearing the Sum Hum Ans
is as soothing as an ice-cold Coke
in 120-degree weather.

I become filled with joy and bliss
like a starving bear that has just found
a huddle of campers to gobble
into his belly.

There are so many astounding
sounds that I flock to hear
but can't all at once.

Like an eight-year-old at
Disneyland
who wants to go on all the rides
at the same time.

It flows like the Nile,
smooth and delicate.
I have a passion more so than I
once had for alcohol.

An overload of inspiration that
is ready to burst like a balloon.
The riffs and words grab me
and sweep me away as a hurricane would.

But to a good place.
A place where I feel at home.
A place for me.

"...the Council's latest dream will assure that the trees atop the City's defining topographic feature will be visible for miles around in perpetuity."

This condition is already assured. The city is the custodian of Overlook Park, the top of Albany Hill. There are four-plus acres between Taft and Jackson streets that someone may want to acquire. I don't.

There is an 11 acre parcel on the west side of the hill running, I believe, from Overlook Park to Pierce Street. The latest information I have is that parcel is in a single ownership of an overseas family. It may be worthwhile to acquire, but it is not a part of "the top of the hill."

It would be a service to all of us if you could, from existing public records, print a map of exactly what properties the city may hope to obtain. Of course, there should be an environmental impact report describing the positive and negative impact of such an acquisition.

We have already acquired the

The one place that I really feel free.

Nick Ackley
MacGregor High School
SINGING

The bird is in the birdcage in a painting
and the painting is under the tree.

Arim Choi, second grade
MacGregor Primary School

WAVES
The small slish slosh of the small waves.

The bang bang bang of the big waves.

Amber Strellis, second grade
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MOODS AND ANXIOUS WEATHER

The arrhythmic patter of rain-drops
dripping from the eaves
of my house.

Here on my front porch
is where I seek solace
from the atmosphere of chaos
behind me, inside.

I light a cigarette
and realize,
realize that I did not escape.

For I watch,
mesmerized,
as a frenzied wind blows sheets
of rain

into waves,
waves that roll and rush
down the street;
they make haste
under the street lamp's harsh and
blaring light.

I gaze through a wall of a million
raindrops
to see the blurred figure of a
small animal

scurry for a drier place.
I flick my cigarette through a
whirlwind of weather
as I head back inside.

Heather Mundy
MacGregor High School

crown of the hill. It is ours and we have done nothing with it except to remove falling or hazardous non-native eucalyptus trees. I don't see any advantage to acquiring further property that will benefit (?) from our benign neglect, but as a resident of Albany Hill, I'm certainly willing to listen.

Jack Hogg
Albany

No need to speculate

Editor:
Bruce Mast as an elected official in Albany does the hardworking parents and residents of Albany a disservice by airing his speculations in public (Letters to the editor Feb. 8). Mr. Mast knows more than most he can attend any of the Site Council meetings. Mr. Mast can contact any number of those who have first hand knowledge so he may be informed and does not have to speculate his uncertainties in *The Journal*.

I invite Mr. Mast to attend the on-going Site Committee meetings so he may be better informed. If Mr. Mast chooses not to attend the meetings because of other commitments, I am sure he will trust in the good judgement and many long hours the school board, teachers, principals, and parents of this community have invested in working toward the successful goal of creating a safe and stimulating

learning environment for our schools, while at the same time spending the hard earned money of this community in the wisest most practical manner.

I have been proud to be involved with the process and goals the Site Committees have been working toward accomplishing. The level of support and commitment and long hours of work done by all members of this community to support the Albany school system is, I believe, the reason our schools are successful and envied by the surrounding communities.

The seismic work on all buildings has always been and continues to be number one priority for all sites and allocation of monies. In this area we all agree, whatever the architect and engineers recommend will be carried out. The introduction of a new middle school has changed the approach and execution of work needed to be done at all K-8 sites since additional classrooms are now not being added to these existing sites.

I will agree with Mr. Mast on one account, the process takes too long. I too wish work was under way on many of the projects. I am sure Mr. Mast will agree with the majority of the Albany community that the building of the middle school is saving us money and increasing the quality of education in Albany. I would like to ask Mr.

Mast to stop sowing seeds of dissent and speculation. Mr. Mast trust and take part in the process. Help Albany create the best school system in the state.

Robert W. Richerson
Albany parent and member of
Site Council

Detrivializing health care

Editor:

I don't know. Who among you will listen and act. I am a nurse but no longer provide health care. In fact health care is quickly becoming a misnomer. Health is an optimal state of being, and the provision of health care is never limited to the treatment of a part. In an attempt to save money, hospitals are drastically cutting down on their numbers of professional staff. We, as R.N.s, cry out that this change is dangerous, that it jeopardizes the health and safety of our patients and that no money is saved in the long run. But our voice has not been heard. Perhaps the ideal of health care is a luxury for a more affluent time. But what is more important than health? Whatever our economic problems, we are still one of the richest countries in the world and we are still connected one to the other and the health of each is to the benefit or detriment of all. It has been stated that it is ridiculous to have a highly educated and overpaid R.N

changing soiled linen. But we change linen. We clean patients while cleaning, we try to help them accept the frailties of their bodies, changes in body image, we maintain the integrity of their skin, we maintain fluid balance, their I.V. status, their respiratory status and their level of comfort. At the bedside we monitor, treat, teach, console, support, protect and provide. It is this hands-on quality of nursing which is essential to effective care. Our duties are not limited to the bedside because we must always connect what we find with what we know constantly making decisions and adjustments to the plan of care and always within a very tight time frame. We, as nurses, are the link between the patient and the physician, between health and illness. The service we provide is not a luxury, nor can it be done down by tasks anymore than the patient can be divided into professionally skilled workers to be replaced or removed from the bedside, as our scope of responsibility stretches out beyond the absurd, as the administrators perceive health care as a commodity in the market place, our patient — our children, our ourselves — is placed at risk and the concept of Health buried under tasks performed. Please hear us say.

Wanda S. Brennan
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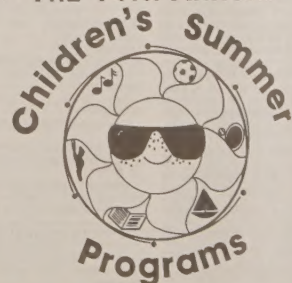
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